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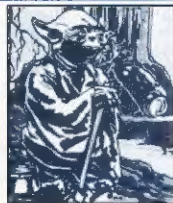
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## NEWSPAGE 4

All the news that's printed to give fits! Stirring accounts of the upcoming adaptation of "The Voyage of the Space Beagle", the second Warren-Marvel softball game, and a promise of more Vampi stories!



## THE MIST 5

Lucifer de Montalban and his voodoo cultists have left a bloody trail of death and decay in their wake! Now they plan to turn the kidnapped Victoria Westgate into something a bit less than...human!



## THE MIST II 19

Midnight in Central Park! The sounds of an obscene voodoo ritual pierce the air! A woman's soft flesh dissolves and an unearthly being emerges from her body to take revenge against her tormentors!



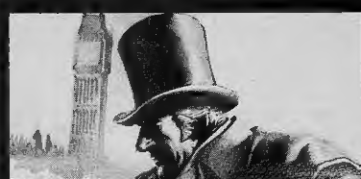
## THE LIMBO MEN 31

Granny Gutman's arch-enemy, Furor, has corked up Mount St. Helen's hoping to cause world-wide chaos and destruction, but he doesn't know what chaos is until he's met the mighty Limbo men!



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Prof. Jason Flagg woke to find himself in a nightmarish realm of demons hell-bent on burning him at the stake! His experiment had worked...but the proudest day of his life might well be his last!



## HOLMES 51

Doctor John Watson's faithful account of Sherlock Holmes' dazzling solution of the Study in Scarlet mystery...a bizarre tale of tragic love, vengeance, and multiple murder spanning two continents!

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# THE NOXIOUS NEWSPAGE

Now this is a real newspaper...chockful of information programmed to hit you like a heat-seeking missile. But, in addition to fond farewells, there are scoops on Warren's *Fungo Fantastique*, more *Vampirella* stories, and a heart-warming account of finding a home for a *Space Beagle*!



## FAREWELL, FJA

Forrest J Ackerman, editor of **FAMOUS MONSTERS** for nearly 25 years, has relinquished his staff position as Editor-in-Chief. Forry and publisher **Jim Warren** created the magazine in 1957. The first issue (currently valued at approximately \$300) went on sale in early February 1958, and sold out its entire press run. **FM** became the source of inspiration for such similar publications as **FANTASTIC MONSTERS OF THE FILMS**, **WORLD FAMOUS CREATURES**, **MONSTER MANIA**, **CASTLE OF FRANKENSTEIN** and many others. Though neither **Warren** or **Ackerman** had anticipated the unparalleled success **FAMOUS MONSTERS** would enjoy, the magazine became the foundation upon which the **Warren Publishing** empire was built. Two years after **Forry** edited the first issue of **FM**, **Warren** produced **SPACEMEN** (which covered science-fiction films), **FAMOUS FILMS**, **SCREEN THRILLS ILLUSTRATED** and **MONSTER WORLD** (a spinoff of **FAMOUS MONSTERS**)—all edited by **Ackerman**. As the decade of the 1960's progressed, **Forry** found himself more and more in demand, as a lecturer, film historian, writer, researcher, and especially as a guest personality at science-fiction conventions and gatherings. He appeared on several television shows, including *To Tell the Truth*, *Merv Griffin*, *FM Magazine*, and *You Asked For It*. In 1974 **Ackerman** and **Warren** staged the first **FAMOUS MONSTERS CONVENTION** in New York City, and followed it up with a second convention in 1975. The **FM** conventions boasted such film personalities as **Ingrid Pitt** and **Peter Cushing**, and **Forry** signed thousands of autographs at each. Over the years **FJA** has become a "legend" in the fantasy film field. But after 190 issues of **FM**, **Forry** has decided it is time to pursue other interests. His presence will be missed; but the **Ackerman** spirit will continue to live in the pages of **FM**! We at **Warren** join the thousands of fans and readers in wishing **FJA** continued success in his chosen field. May the Force be with you, **Forry**!



## MORE BAD NEWS

Stiff upper lip, fans...for a myriad of reasons, **THE GOBLIN** magazine has been cancelled. There will be no issue number four. There was not a dry eye in the office when the announcement was made, and, though great mournful sobs and shrieks of grief filled the air over the loss of such stellar performers as **The Troll Patrol**, **The Mikro-Buccaneers**, **The Hobgoblin**, and of course the mighty minikin himself...you can be sure you'll be seeing your favorites again, just when you least expect them (expect **The Troll Patrol** for dinner Saturday).



## WARREN STRIKES BACK

Summer may be a long time gone, but (good sports that we are) we're still gloating about our victory over the **Marvel** baseball team in our second contest of the season. If you'll remember, in the first game, **Marvel**, led by the lanky **Jim Shooter** and the arch-fine **Archie Goodwin**, trounced the hapless **Warren** squad, 20 to 1. So it came as a great surprise to everyone when, in the second game some weeks later, the chiaroscuro **Warren** team pounded the four-color **Marvel** pitchers for ten runs in the fifth inning and walked off with a 16 to 12 victory!



## BEAGLE BOWS!

**Rich 'Margopoulos'** adaptation of **A.E. Van Vogt's** "Voyage of the *Space Beagle*" has at last found a home. It will appear in **EERIE** #139, on sale December 14. This time-honored science-fiction thriller tells the story of a seemingly-invincible alien on the rampage in a space ship on a deep space exploratory mission. As both humans and alien struggle for survival in the confines of the ship, a battle of wits and wills builds to an explosive climax. This one, rendered by **Luis Bermejo**, is destined to be a classic, illustrated!



## FANGS A LOT!

Okay okay, enough already! Rabid readers of **VAMPIRELLA** have been telling us for eons that they want more pages on the Huntress from the Stars in the book bearing her name. We hear you, oh impatient ones. If things work out the way we hope (and they never have in the past, see the item on **THE GOBLIN**), **Warren** will be delivering a double-dose of the **Drakulonian** damsel in each issue. **VAMPIRELLA** #112, for instance, will feature eight resplendent pages by **Jose Gonzalez** and a twenty page whopper illustrated by **Gonzalo Mayo**, entitled "Feeding Frenzy." (mumm-mmm good!) Incidentally, **Gonzalo Mayo** has been a much busier man than his recent page count might indicate. In addition to preparing stories for the upcoming issues, he has been working steadily on an issue-length **Vampirella** epic, slated for summer release. We'll stake him out, and keep you posted.

# COMING WARREN MAGAZINES

**CREEPY** #144: Super spooktacular! Special Graveyards and Ghosts collector's classic! Thrill to our agonizing adaptation of **Edgar Allan Poe's** *Berenice*! Out of the mouths of graves come *The Ghoulies*! Plus *Forgotten Flesh*! In *Darkness It Shall End*! And more! ON SALE NOVEMBER 9!

**VAMPIRE** #111: Giant 88-page collector's edition! *The Curse of the McDemon* and *Undead of the Deep* featuring the incomparable art of **Jose Gonzalez**! *Vampi* struggles against centuries-old forces of evil to save her self and her companions! Plus many other terrific surprises! ON SALE NOVEMBER 16!

**FAMOUS MONSTERS** #190: A brand new flimbook on a motion picture classic—*The Time Machine*! The latest scoops on the *Horrorwood* film scene! Exciting insights into *The Empire Strikes Back*! Plus an exclusive interview with **Paul Clemens**, star of *The Beast Within*! ON SALE NOVEMBER 16!

**1994** #29: Immortality runs rampant in our latest edition! *Farmed Out* by **John Ellis** *Sech* and *Delando Nino*! *More Warhawks* by **Dubay** and *Laxamana*! The return of **Frank Thorne's** *Chita*! Plus *Goddess* by **Tim Moriarty** & **Peter Hsu**! You're going to love this issue to death! ON SALE DECEMBER 21!

VICTORIA WESTGATE LOST TIME! SHE WAKES TO DISCONNECTED CHUNKS OF TIME! THERE ARE **STRANGE PEOPLE** AND **STRANGE PLACES** IN THESE AWAKENINGS!

SHE REMEMBERS THE **SUBWAY**...SHE REMEMBERS BEING **PURSUED** AND **TERRORIZED**...UNABLE TO ESCAPE...A **MAN TRYING TO HELP HER**...THAT MAN BEING **SLAPPED OUT OF SIGHT**...AN **EXPLOSION**...**SCREAMS!**

THESE NIGHTMARES HAVE THE TEXTURE OF **MEMORY**, OF **TRUTH!** THE VISIONS SWIMMING BEFORE HER NOW BEAR **HORRID AUTHENTICITY!** QUICKLY, HER MIND **REJECTS IT ALL!** SHE LAPSES BACK INTO UNCONCIOUSNESS...**GRATEFULLY!**

# THE MIST



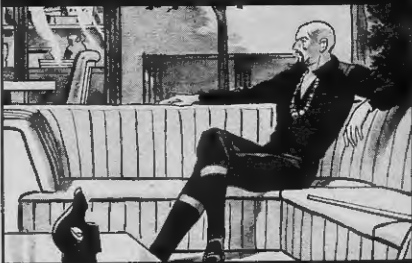




LEAST SHE'S DRESSED NOW! COME ON, MYRNA! MOVE IT! LUCIFER'S WAITING TO SEE HER!

LUCIFER DE MONTALBAN LOUNGES ON THE COUCH! THE CITY SWEEPS BENEATH HIM, WHILE THE LOA\* IN HIS HEAD WHISPERS TO HIM ABOUT SEDUCTION AND DOMINATION!

PERHAPS NEW YORK CITY WILL BECOME THE NEW ORLEANS OF THE 1980'S, THE NEW CAPITAL OF THE VOODOO WORLD!



\*THE VOODOO WORD MEANING SAINT OR DEITY.



AND HE WILL REIGN BESIDE AUGUSTE, ONCE HE HAS BANISHED THE MISTS THAT HAVE CLOUDED HER MIND FOR NEAR A CENTURY, AND KEPT HER TRUE IDENTITY FROM HER!

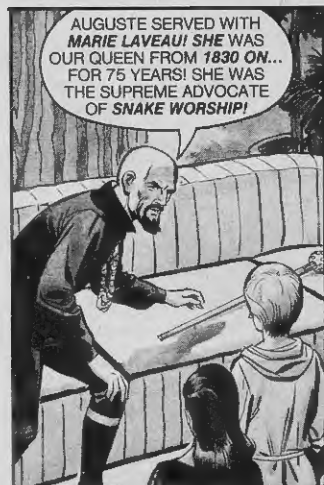


INCREDIBLE!

SHE IS PERFECTION! IF ONLY THE ORIGINAL VOODOO PRIESTESS WERE HERE... TO SEE HER ACOLYTE'S RETURN!



I THOUGHT YOU SAID SHE WAS THE PRIESTESS?



AUGUSTE SERVED WITH MARIE LAVEAU! SHE WAS OUR QUEEN FROM 1830 ON... FOR 75 YEARS! SHE WAS THE SUPREME ADVOCATE OF SNAKE WORSHIP!



UNDER HER, AUGUSTE ATTAINED HIGH POWER... POWER TO RE-EMERGE IN THIS WOMAN!

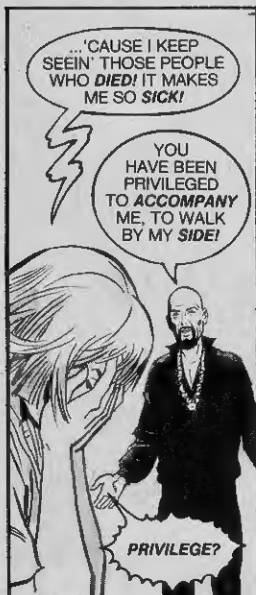
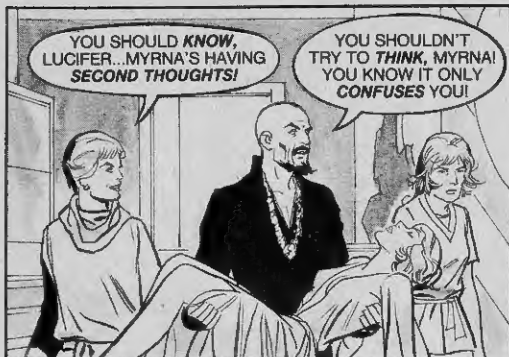
I RECOGNIZED AUGUSTE THE INSTANT I SAW THIS VICTORIA WESTGATE!



MARIE LAVEAU WOULD HAVE APPROVED OF OUR FINAL RITES... WHEN WE REVITALIZE AUGUSTE WHO SLUMBERS WITHIN THIS WOMAN'S FLESH!

THIS CITY WILL PALE IN HER SHADOW!







WHEN LUCIFER DE MONTALBAN HAD SHOWN AN UNUSUAL **INTEREST** IN VICTORIA WESTGATE, NOAH AND HOBIE HAD FELT IT NECESSARY TO **BUG** THE WESTGATE APARTMENT! FOR VICTORIA'S **OWN SAFETY**, THEY HAD TOLD THEMSELVES!

AS **AGENTS** FOR THE **GOVERNMENT**, IT WAS **NOT** THE **FIRST TIME** THEY HAD RATIONALIZED A DISTASTEFUL COURSE OF **ACTION!** THEY'D WANTED LUCIFER AND HIS VOOODOO CULTISTS **BADLY**, AND THE WESTGATE'S CIVIL RIGHTS HADN'T SEEMED SO **IMPORTANT!**

NOW, THOUGH, HOBIE WILL PROBABLY **NEVER WALK AGAIN**, THANKS TO LUCIFER...AND BOTH HOBIE AND NOAH ARE WONDERING IF **ANYTHING** WILL BE **THAT IMPORTANT** TO THEM **AGAIN!**



YOU DID A FINE JOB, HOBIE, TRYING TO **PRESERVE AMERICA'S IDEALS!**



YEAH, IN **FORMAL-DEHYDE**, IF NOTHING ELSE!

WE'VE GOT TO GET OURSELVES A **NEW JOKE!**



IT'S **OVER** FOR ME, NOAH! A TRIP TO THE **DRUGSTORE** ISN'T GOING TO FIX THE **BULLET** LODGED IN MY BACK!



I THINK VICTORIA WAS MY **DRAG-ON LADY**, NOAH! YOU FOUND HER YET?



**NO TRACE!** LUCIFER PULLED ANOTHER **VANISHING ACT!** I'M TO SEE HER **HUSBAND** TODAY! LAY IT ON THE **LINE!** SEE IF HE MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING... **ANYTHING** THAT COULD LEAD US TO THEM!



YEAH! HE'S GOING TO **LOVE** US, ISN'T HE? WE **BUGGED** HIS HOME, CAUGHT ALL HIS **LITTLE PECCA-DILLOES!**

IT **STINKS!**

**GUILT AND FEAR...AND THE POLICE...ARE DISTRACTING PHILIP WESTGATE FROM HIS MISCHIEVOUS SON!**

I WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO MY **WIFE!** AND ALL I GET IS **DETECTIVES** RUNNING OVER MY PLACE!

ALL WE'VE GOT TO GO ON IS A **SUBWAY STATION** IN WORSE CON-  
DITION THAN  
NORMAL!

YOU DON'T  
THINK--?

YES...?

**NO!**  
I DON'T  
WANT TO ASK  
IT...DON'T  
EVEN WANT  
TO...**THINK**  
IT!

YOU  
MEAN IF SHE'S  
STILL ALIVE?

**Y-YES!**

EXCUSE ME,  
BUT YOUR SON  
IS **CLIMBING**  
ONTO THE  
**WINDOWSILL!**

GET  
**DOWN**  
FROM THERE,  
**JASON!**

AS SOON AS  
HE **SCREAMS**, HE  
**REGRETS** IT! HE  
FEELS THE POLICEMAN  
**STUDYING** HIM!

**PARANOIA** CLUTCHES  
AT HIM LIKE AN  
UNWELCOME FRIEND!  
DO THEY THINK  
I HAD ANYTHING  
TO DO WITH THIS?

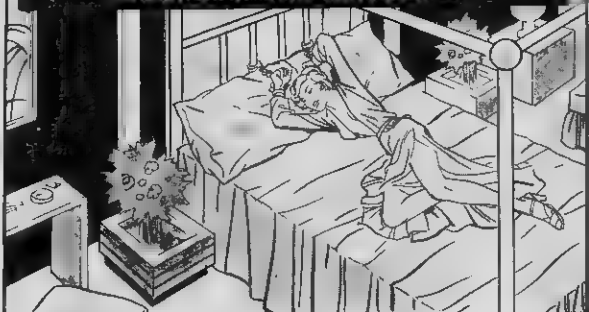
ISN'T THE HUSBAND OR  
LOVER ALWAYS THE **FIRST**  
**SUSPECT?** DID SOME  
NEIGHBOR **TELL** THE  
POLICE THEY'D HEARD  
VICKY AND I **ARGUING?**

DO THEY KNOW I  
SOMETIMES **WORRY**  
ABOUT THE **VIOLENCE** I  
FEEL WITHIN MYSELF?

THERE IS **ANOTHER**  
THOUGHT, ONE  
THAT CUTS  
**THROUGH** THE  
OTHERS...I DON'T  
CARE **WHAT** THE  
NEIGHBORS OR  
THE COPS THINK,  
GOD! AS LONG AS  
VICKY'S **ALL RIGHT!**

AS LONG AS SHE'S  
**ALIVE!**

VICTORIA WESTGATE'S MIND IS WRAPPED IN GAUZE, THE AFTER-EFFECTS OF HER UNNATURAL SOMNAMBULISM, BUT SHE IS STILL IMMEDIATELY AWARE OF HER CHAINS AND THE FACT THAT SHE IS NO LONGER IN HER OWN CLOTHES!



ALL THE MODERN DAY-AND-NIGHT FEARS RUN HELTER-SKELTER THROUGH HER FUZZY THOUGHTS LIKE SHARP KNIVES! SHE IS A HOSTAGE, WITH NO YELLOW RIBBONS, AND HOSTAGE IS NO LONGER JUST A WORD BUT A STATE OF MIND, A STATE OF DEPENDENCY AND VIOLATION!



LADY AUGUSTE, I BROUGHT YOU SOME REPAST!

I REMEMBER NOW...I SAW YOU ONCE AT THE PHONE COMPANY! WHAT ARE YOU? SOME KIND OF A FREAK? I DON'T KNOW YOU!



YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR OWN SELF!

DON'T SPOUT SOME PSYCHOLOGICAL PAP YOU HEARD OFF THE PHIL DONAHUE SHOW! WHO THE HELL ARE YOU? WHY HAVE YOU BROUGHT ME HERE?



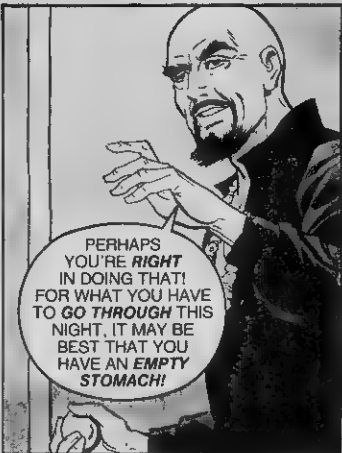
TONIGHT! ALL WILL BE REVEALED TO YOU TONIGHT...THEN YOU WILL NO LONGER FIGHT ME! YOU WILL EMBRACE ME AND THE DARK!



SKRASH!



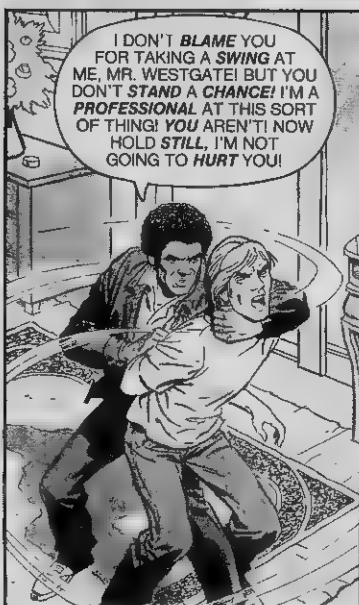
PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT IN DOING THAT! FOR WHAT YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS NIGHT, IT MAY BE BEST THAT YOU HAVE AN EMPTY STOMACH!

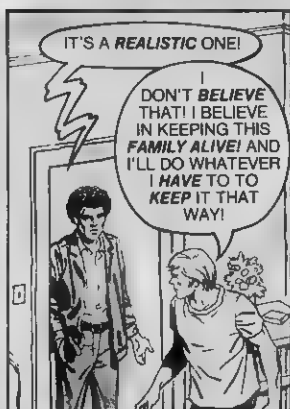
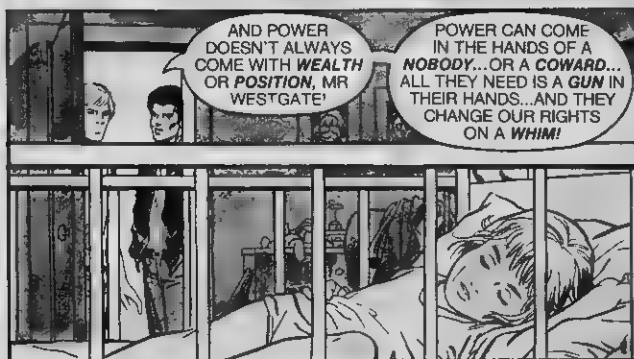
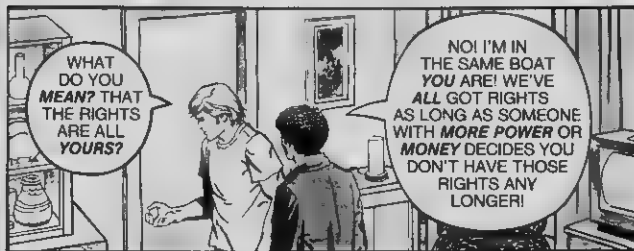




NOAH HAS **NOT** WANTED TO SEE VICKY'S HUSBAND'S EYES! HE KNOWS WHAT THEY WILL HOLD **DISGUST**, **ANGER** AND **SICKNESS**!

AND HE IS **RIGHT**! THOSE EXPRESSIONS, SPICED WITH **ACCUSATION**, ARE IN PHILIP WESTGATE'S EYES!





WOOLWORTH'S IS LIKE  
A HURLYBURLY  
CIRCUS! AFTERNOON  
SHOPPERS PUSH AND  
YELL AND DROWN OUT  
THE MUZAK! HOT DOGS  
TWIRL AT THE  
LUNCHEON COUNTER!  
THE SCENT OF  
BARGAIN COLOGNE IS  
IN THE AIR!

NOAH IS SURPRISED TO  
ACTUALLY FIND MYRNA  
THERE! HE HAS MERELY  
BEEN RECHECKING  
DEAD END!



I'M FROM  
THE GOVERNMENT,  
MYRNA!

OH, JEEZ!  
WON'T SOMEBODY  
GIMME A BREAK?



LISTEN GOOD, MYRNA!  
I'VE GOT A PARTNER WHO  
MAY NEVER WALK AGAIN!  
AND HE USED TO MOVE  
LIKE A DAMN CAT!

HE HAD IT ALL  
UNDER CONTROL! BUT  
NOT ANYMORE! THANKS  
TO LUCIFER!



I HAD  
TO LET VICTORIA  
WESTGATE'S HUSBAND  
PUNCH ME OUT...AND  
KNOW HE HAD EVERY  
RIGHT TO DO IT!  
SO I'M RUNNING ON  
A VERY SHORT FUSE,  
MYRNA, AND YOU  
DON'T WANT TO  
LIGHT IT!



P-PLEASE!  
I'M TIRED OF  
PEOPLE ALL THE  
TIME GRABBING  
AND SHOVING  
AND USING  
ME!



WHERE'S  
LUCIFER?

I  
DON'T KNOW!

MYRNA!



BUT I  
KNOW WHERE  
HE'LL BE...  
TONIGHT!



THE RAIN FINALLY CAME FROM THE DARK-GREY SKIES, SOFT AND TEMPTING AT FIRST, WITH THE SOUND OF HEAT LIGHTNING HOVERING OVER THE SKYSCRAPERS!



THEN, THE RAIN BECAME VENGEFUL, AS IT BROKE THE HEAT-WAVE WITH FURIOUS LASHINGS! IT RICOCHETED OFF THE STREETS, GATHERED INTO RIVERS ALONG THE DIRTY GUTTERS!



IN CENTRAL PARK, LUCIFER TAKES THE RAIN AND THUNDER AND LIGHTNING AS A SIGN FROM THE GODS, AND THE LOA IN HIS HEAD SAYS IT IS GOOD!

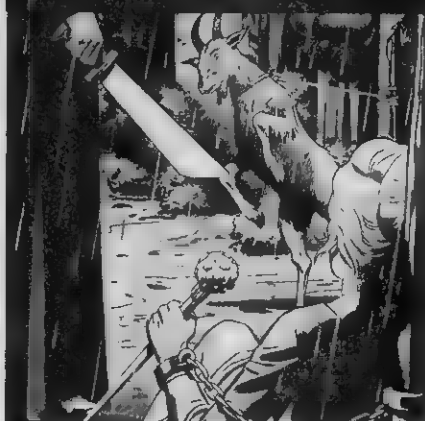
LENNIE TUCKER LIKES THE SENSE OF ADVENTURE, BUT MORE... THE SOCIAL ASPECTS OF THE CULTI LIKE HE TOLD "BIG BOY" TURNER, IT'S A FINE PLACE TO SCORE!



THE GOAT IS PANICKY! PERHAPS THE THUNDER STARTLES IT! OR THE POUNDING OF THE DRUMS AND CLANGING OF THE OGAN!



OR, PERHAPS IT MERELY SENSES WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN!



THEN THE BLADE BRUTALLY DESCENDS...CARVES THROUGH FUR AND MEAT!



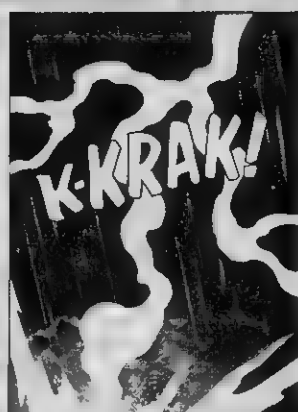
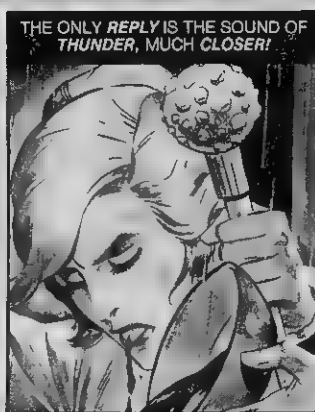
THE BLOOD OF L'KABRIT, THE SACRIFICIAL BLACK GOAT, REPRESENTS THE RECONCILIATION OF MAN AND GOD!



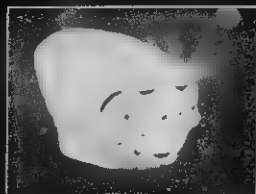
YOU REALLY ARE...YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND! WHAT IN THE NAME OF GOD ARE YOU DOING?!

RELEASING YOU, MY LADY!









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## THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL

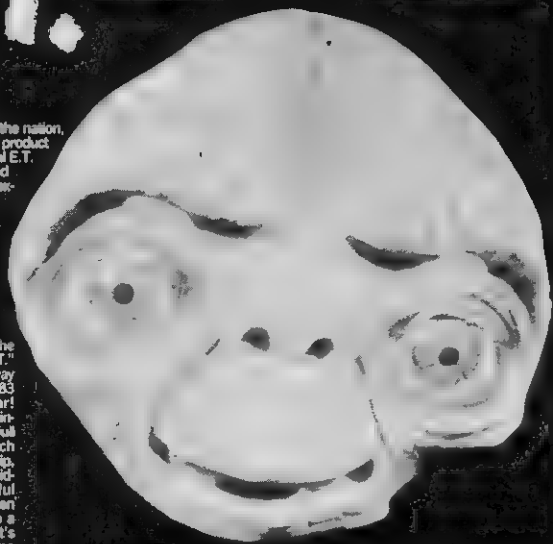
### FULL-HEAD MASK!

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VICTORIA WESTGATE SCREAMS...BUT THE WORDS ARE ONLY IN HER HEAD! SHE WATCHES THE ASH-GRAY MIST RISE FROM HER FLESH AND VANISH!

THAT'S ME IN THAT MIST, SHE CRIES! MY HEART, MY BLOOD, MY BRAIN, MY LIFE! THESE FREAKS IN THEIR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES ARE TAKING MY LIFE!

# THE MIST PART TWO



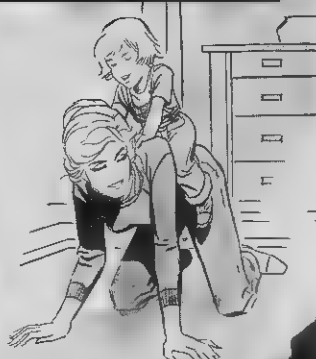
I AM WATCHING IT RISE FROM ME. I AM IN THAT MIST RISING INTO THE NIGHT, AND I CANNOT STOP IT. I DO NOT KNOW HOW TO STOP IT! BUT I DO KNOW, IF I DON'T STOP IT, I AM LOST TO THE NIGHT!



TERRIFYINGLY, HER FLESH *DISSOLVES*, AND SHE CAN SEE THE INTRICATE WORKINGS THAT KEEP HER ALIVE...THE PULSES OF *BLOOD*, THE LINKAGE OF *BONES*! THE CHAINS PASS *THROUGH* HER WRISTS!

HER HAND REACHES FOR REASSURANCE, BUT SHE *CANNOT* FEEL HER *THROAT*! HER FINGERS *SINK* INTO HER TRACHEA BEFORE SHE CAN *STOP* THEM!

SHE IS FIGHTING *DEATH*, THE DEATH OF *IDENTITY*! SHE SEES MOMENTS FROM RECENT DAYS IN THE MIST DISSOLVING THE WAY HER FLESH HAS!



FROM HER BLAND LABORS WITH THE *VYDEK MACHINE* TO THE PREVIOUS, THRILLING MOMENTS WITH HER *HUSBAND* AND *SON*... THE MEMORIES WALTZ BY HER, BORNE ON A FLEETING MIST!



THE MEMORIES *DISSIPATE*! AND THERE IS ONLY A SLIGHT SENSATION WHERE HER *BODY* SHOULD BE. AS IF HER TRANSLUCENT FLESH CAN FEEL A DAMP *CHILL*, A TOUCH OF *MIST*!

LUCIFER IS *EXHILARATED* AND *REPULSED* AT THE SAME TIME! HE CALLS TO DONNA AND ALICE BECAUSE HE CAN NO LONGER HEAR THE LOA INSIDE HIS HEAD!

IT HAPPENED. SEE! LIKE I SAID! YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE ME, DID YOU?

SHE'S RETURNING TO HER ORIGINAL INCARNATION! SHE'S BECOMING THE VOO-DOO PRIESTESS AUGUSTE!

GOD DAMN! I'M JUST IN THIS TO SCORE BROADS, "BIG BOY!" WHAT THE HELL IS ALL THIS?!

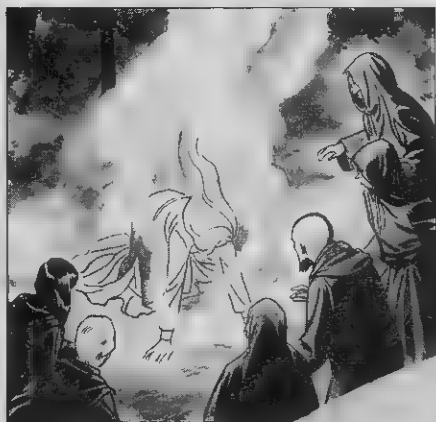
YOU GOT ME, LENNIE! THIS HERE'S SOME WEIRD STUFF!

VICKY KNOWS LUCIFER HASN'T ANY IDEA WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING!



THIS ISN'T A POSSESSION! SHE IS NO LONGER OOZING MIST, LOSING IT, LOSING HERSELF!

THIS AUGUSTE WHOEVER SHE IS, DOES NOT INVADE AND DOMINATE HER MIND! WHO THE HELL CARES WHO AUGUSTE IS?



BUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HER? THERE IS A COLD TOUCH, AS IF FROM SOMETHING LONG DEAD! THE MIST BECOMES A CLINGING SHROUD!

NO, IT IS *MORE* THAN THAT! SHE DOES NOT JUST WALK THROUGH THE MIST...SHE IS THE MIST! AS *ETHEREAL*, AS *PERVASIVE*, WITH THE SAME DAMPNESS, THE SAME EMBRACE OF A GREY MORNING!



NOAH IS USED TO MOVING SURREPTITIOUSLY THROUGH THE NIGHT! HE WAS REQUIRED TO DO IT DURING *SURVIVAL COURSES*, DID IT TO SAVE HIS LIFE ON A FEW ASSIGNMENTS!



MYRNA MAKES ENOUGH NOISE FOR THE TWO OF THEM! NOAH CONSIDERS HER! SHE'S ANOTHER DISCONNECTED WHITE, A JOINER, NOW A PART OF A CULT THAT HAPHAZARDLY COPIES THE RITES OF SOME CUBAN, BRAZILIAN AND TRINIDADIAN RELIGIONS!



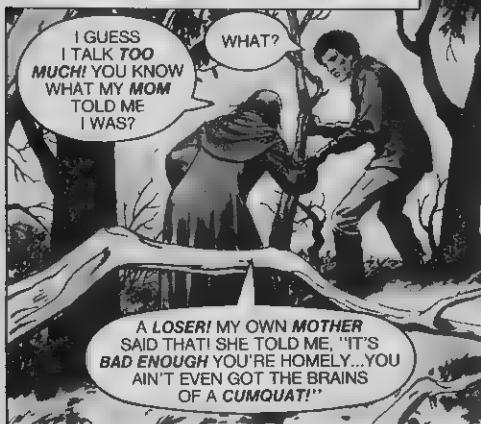
DAMN, MYRNA! COULD YOU KEEP IT DOWN TO A DULL ROAR?

I'M SORRY, ALL RIGHT? BUT I'M SCARED!



THIS PARK'S NO PLACE TO BE AT NIGHT...! EVEN WITH LUCIFER I WAS ALWAYS SCARED!

I'M SORRY...AM I TALKING TOO MUCH? I TALK WHEN I'M NERVOUS!



I GUESS I TALK TOO MUCH! YOU KNOW WHAT MY MOM TOLD ME I WAS?

WHAT?

A LOSER! MY OWN MOTHER SAID THAT! SHE TOLD ME, "IT'S BAD ENOUGH YOU'RE HOMELY...YOU AIN'T EVEN GOT THE BRAINS OF A CUMQUAT!"



NICE MOM!

I LOVE HER, THOUGH! I MEAN, I HATE HER, BUT I STILL LOVE HER!



HOLD UP! I HEAR SOMETHING!

THAT'S THEM! IT'S GOT TO BE!



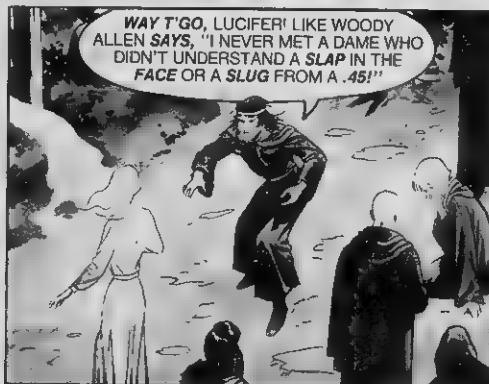
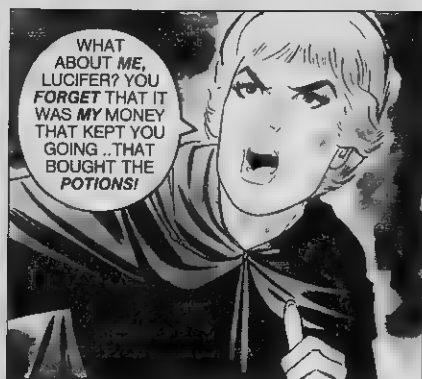
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON DOWN THERE?

I DON'T THINK I WANNA KNOW!



THE IMAGES COME IN A SUDDEN **RUSH**, ONE  
PSYCHOTIC PERCEPTION AFTER ANOTHER.  
A BATTERING COLLAGE OF PAIN,  
REPPRESSED FEARS, SELF-HATE AND  
DISTORTED SEXUALITY!

SHE IS FILLED WITH LOATHING AND RAGE **NOT HER OWN!** BUT **WHOSE?**  
AND THEN SHE **RECOGNIZES** THE FACE! IT IS **LUCIFER**, AND NO ONE HAS  
INVADDED **HER MIND**, SHE HAS **TORN INTO HIS**, RIPPED DOWN INTO THE  
**LYMBIC SYSTEM**, GOUGING OUT **EMOTIONS AND MEMORIES**, ALL  
CASCADING OVER HER LIKE SOME **PSYCHIC AVALANCHE!**





I-I DIDN'T MEAN  
TO...! WHAT'S HAPPENING  
TO ME?

LUCIFER, IT'S TIME TO SPLIT  
OUTTA HERE! MAN'S GONNA STICK US  
ON A SPIT WHEN HE FINDS OUT  
WHAT'S GONE DOWN HERE!



MYRNA! YOU HEAR ALL  
THAT RUCKUS? WHAT THE HELL'S  
GOING ON DOWN TH--?

WAIT! ONE OF  
OUR BIRDS IS FLYING THE  
COOP! STAY CLOSE!

UMPF!



DAMN! JUST  
MY LUCK, SOME PIG'S  
RIGHT ON THE  
SCENE!



YOU'RE CALLING ME  
A PIG, BLUBBERBUTT?

HEY!  
NO! WAIT!  
I--!



THE WOOD GIVES UNDER NOAH'S FOOT, AND  
SUDDENLY HE IS LOOKING OVER THE EDGE! AN  
INTENSE VERTIGINOUS FRIGHT CLUTCHES AT HIM!

KKRAK!



THAT'S RIGHT,  
PIG! I'M CALLIN' YOU  
AN OINKER. PIG!





WE MUST **FLEE**,  
MY PRIESTESS! COME  
**NOW**, BEFORE  
IT IS TOO



...LATE!

HER HAND PASSES **THROUGH** HIS BREAST, WITH THE FEEL  
OF TRANSPARENT ICE! BEFORE SHE CAN **COMPREHEND**  
WHAT HAS OCCURRED, HER FINGERS TOUCH HIS PULSING  
**HEART!**



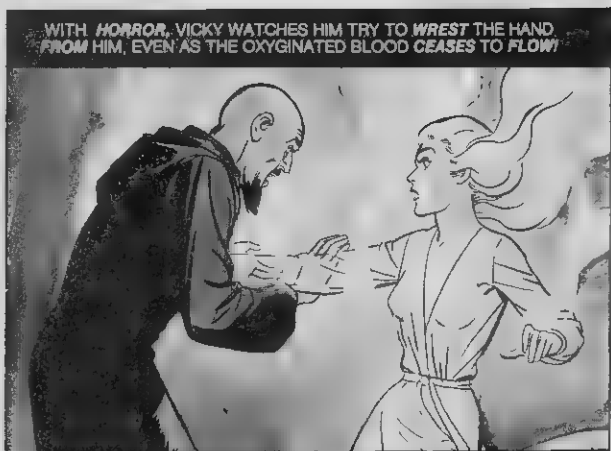
HER FINGERS  
PIERCE THE  
ATRIA AND  
PULMONARY  
VALVE! THE  
MUSCLE  
CONTRACTS  
AT THE COLD  
TOUCH!  
FINGERTIPS  
REGISTER THE  
FIRST SPASM,  
SEND THE  
SENSATION  
TO HER  
BRAIN!

THE WARM,  
FLESHY  
ARTERIES  
TURN  
**BRITTLE!**



I DIDN'T  
WANT TO HURT--!

A **LUCID** LOOK COMES INTO LUCIFER'S  
EYES! THE GODS HAVE **DESERTED** HIM! THE  
LOA OFFERS NO SOLACE, NO SCORN!



WITH **HORROR**, VICKY WATCHES HIM TRY TO **WREST** THE HAND  
FROM HIM, EVEN AS THE OXYGENATED BLOOD **CEASES** TO FLOW!

SHE TRIES TO **AID** HIM, ATTEMPTS TO **WITHDRAW** THE HAND, BUT NOT  
BEFORE ONE LAST **WRENCHING** SPASM GRIPS THE HEART AND THE  
BLOOD TURNS TO **SLUDGE!**



HE ATTEMPTS  
A SMILE,  
A WEAK,  
QUESTIONING  
SMILE, LIKE  
THE LOOK OF  
A DOG  
HOPING IT  
WON'T GET  
KICKED...

AND THEN  
HE SLAMS  
INTO THE  
EARTH  
WET FROM  
RAIN AND  
BLOOD!



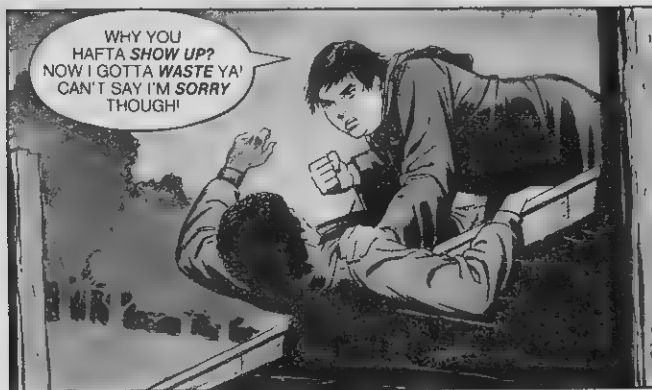
DID YOU SEE  
IT? DID YOU? MY GOD!  
HOW HORRIB--!

COME  
ON! STOP  
ACTING LIKE  
A HYSTERICAL  
JERK! WE'VE  
GOT TO GET  
OUT OF  
HERE!

BUT  
BUT DID  
YOU ?

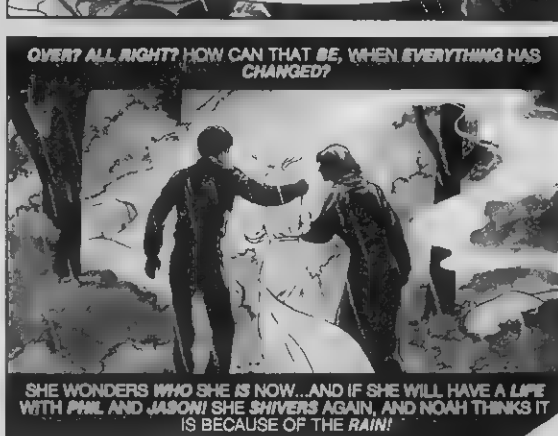
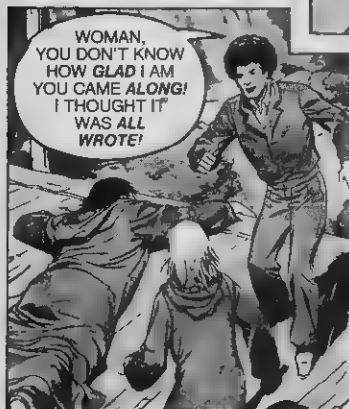


I SAW  
IT! I SAW  
IT! I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT I  
SAW, BUT I  
DEFINITELY  
SAW IT!



WHY YOU  
HAFTA SHOW UP?  
NOW I GOTTA WASTE YA!  
CAN'T SAY I'M SORRY  
THOUGH!





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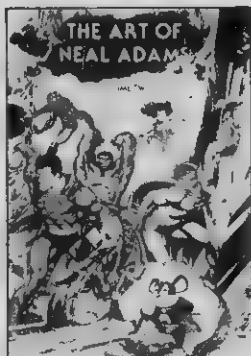


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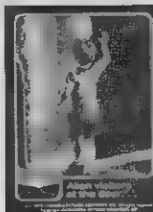
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HERE WE  
ARE, AS SUMMONED, O  
WITHERED ONE!

I HAD MY HEART SET ON  
THAT PHILLIE'S GAME, GRANNY!  
THIS O BETTER BE IMPORTANT! NOT  
LIKE THE LAST TIME YOU GOT US  
TOGETHER TO UNCLOG YOUR SINK  
TRAP A COFFEE GROUNDS!

OH,  
IT'S MUCH  
MORE IMPORTANT  
THAN THAT! MUCH  
MORE! BUT I'LL  
TELL YOU ALL  
ABOUT IT... AFTER  
I FINISH FEEDING  
FERDINAND HIS  
SAUCER OF MILK!  
OR IS HE  
FRITZ?

# GRANNY GUTMAN AND THE LIMBO MEN

Author: RICH MARGOPOULOS  
Illustrator: FRED CARRILLO

BUT BEFORE GRANNY TELLS ALL...LET  
US LURCH BACKWARD IN TIME AND  
SNEAK A PEEK AT THE ALTER EGOS OF  
THE ILLUSTRIOUS LIMBO MEN!



GRANNY



FOXFIRE



TALUS



CRIMSON TRIDENT

**HARVEY GLEMP, COMIC BOOK LETTERER, WAS AT WORK...WHEN HE RECEIVED GRANNY GUTMAN'S MENTAL SUMMONS!**



**GLEMP WAS A NATURAL-BORN PSYCHIC, GIFTED WITH THE ABILITY TO INHABIT AND ANIMATE OBJECTS WITH HIS CONSCIOUSNESS!**



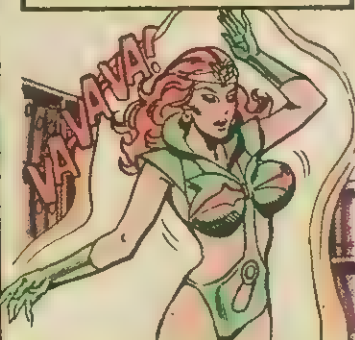
**TRANCING OUT, HE UNCHAINED HIS MIND FROM HIS BLOATED, SLUGLIKE, CHALK-WHITE BODY...**



**...AND ASSUMED CONTROL OF A STATUE IN A PARK ACROSS FROM HIS STUDIO!**

**HE IS TALUS, GOD OF BRONZE!**

**POLLY PERRIDEAN, LIBRARIAN, WAS HARD AT WORK WHEN SHE HEARD GRANNY'S CLARION CALL!**



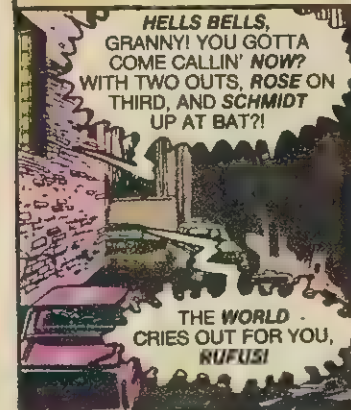
**EVER SINCE SHE WAS TAKEN ABOARD A FLYING SAUCER AND SUBJECTED TO A BIZARRE BATTERY OF ALIEN TESTS, POLLY HAS BEEN ABLE TO MANIFEST THE QUALITIES OF A UFO... FLYING AND BLAZING AND DISRUPTING ELECTRICAL MACHINERY!**



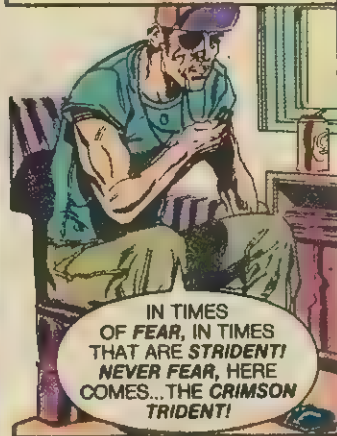
**UNFORTUNATELY, AS THOSE SAME ENERGIES TRANSFIGURE HER INTO A RAVISHING BEAUTY... HER STEEL-TRAP INTELLECT SOMEHOW GETS LOST IN THE BIO-PHYSICAL SHUFFLE!**

**CALL HER FOXFIRE!**

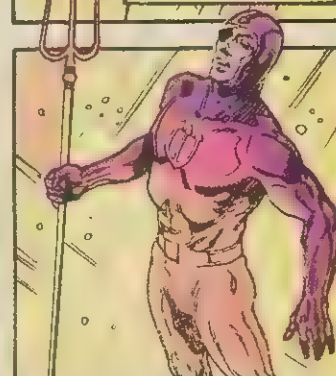
**IN A PHILADELPHIA ROWHOUSE, ARMY VET RUFUS JONES REGISTERED HIS DELIGHT UPON HEARING GRANNY'S TELEPATHIC SUMMONS!**



**CLUTCHING A MYSTICAL TRIDENT HE FOUND IN A LAOS JUNGLE TEMPLE...RUFUS SHOUTED HIS SACRED SUPERHERO OATH...!**



**IN TIMES OF FEAR, IN TIMES THAT ARE STRIDENT! NEVER FEAR, HERE COMES...THE CRIMSON TRIDENT!**



**AND THERE STOOD A BEING WHO IS THE COLLECTIVE EMBODIMENT OF THREE POWERFUL FORCES... CREATION, PRESERVATION AND DESTRUCTION, IN THAT ORDER!**

**MAKE NO MISTAKE! HE IS THE CRIMSON TRIDENT!**



AND NOW...IN GRANNY'S PARLOR.  
THE LIMBO MEN ENJOY A HEART-  
TUGGING REUNION!

OOH!  
TRIDENT  
MAN! WE  
MAKE NICE-  
NICE!

I'D LIKE TO,  
BABE...REALLY!  
BUT GRANNY  
DON'T APPROVE  
IN HER  
HOUSE!

THAT CHILD  
HAS THE MIND OF A  
MUSHROOM QUICHE...  
AND YOU WOULD TAKE  
ADVANTAGE!

"OWWI!" EASY,  
GRANNY! MY INTEN-  
TIONS ARE ENTIRELY  
HONORABLE!

I'LL BE CONDUCTING  
A SEMINAR ON ETHICS AND  
MORALITY...AFTER YOU  
RETURN FROM YOUR LATEST  
ASSIGNMENT!

RETURN? RETURN  
FROM WHERE, GRAN?  
NOT ANOTHER ONE'A YOUR  
PATENTED SUICIDE  
MISSIONS?!

OH, DON'T BE  
SUCH A SILLY-BILLY! MY  
MISSIONS ARE DANGEROUS,  
PERHAPS! EVEN DEADLY!  
BUT SUICIDAL?

HERE...SEE  
FOR YOURSELVES, IN MY  
MYSTIC CRYSTAL!

YIKES! SCARY STUFF!  
CHANGE THE CHANNEL!

THIS  
AIN'T NO  
CABLE HOOKUP,  
FOX THOUGH I  
WISH IT WAS!  
IT'S A WHOLE  
BUNCH'A  
VOLCANOES...  
BLOWIN' THEIR  
STACKS!

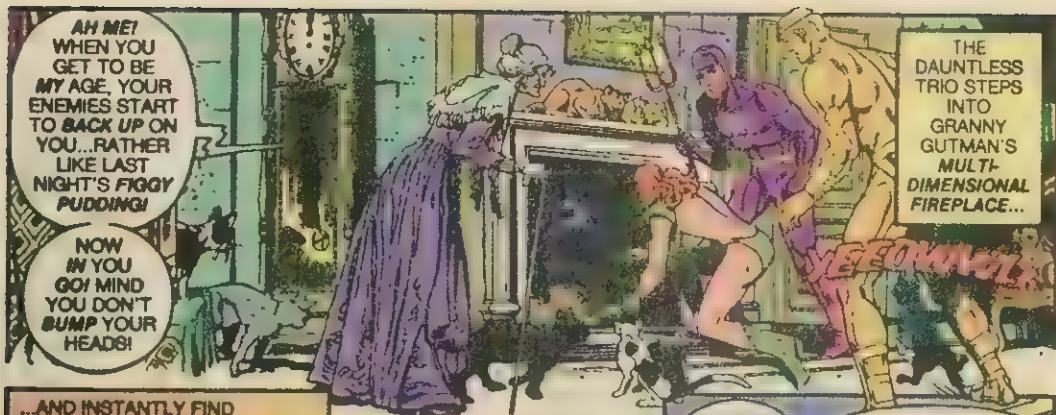
THE CASCADE RANGE, TO  
BE EXACT! IT'S THE  
WORK OF MY ARCH-  
FOE...FUROR!

HE'S CAUSED THE  
PRESSURE OF MT. ST.  
HELEN'S TO BACK UP...  
SETTING OFF A STRING  
OF ERUPTIONS!

ERUPTIONS THAT, IF  
ALLOWED TO CONTINUE, WILL  
TRIGGER CALIFORNIA'S SAN ANDREAS  
FAULT! THEN, THE EMPATHETIC ALIEN  
WILL FEED ON THE EMOTIONAL  
SUFFERING OF MILLIONS!

YOU MUST STOP HIS NEFARIOUS  
SCHEME, MY SO-CALLED LIMBO MEN!





AH ME!  
WHEN YOU  
GET TO BE  
MY AGE, YOUR  
ENEMIES START  
TO BACK UP ON  
YOU...RATHER  
LIKE LAST  
NIGHT'S FIGGY  
PUDDING!

NOW  
IN YOU  
GO! MIND  
YOU DON'T  
BUMP YOUR  
HEADS!

THE  
DAUNTLESS  
TRIO STEPS  
INTO  
GRANNY  
GUTMAN'S  
MULTI-  
DIMENSIONAL  
FIREPLACE...



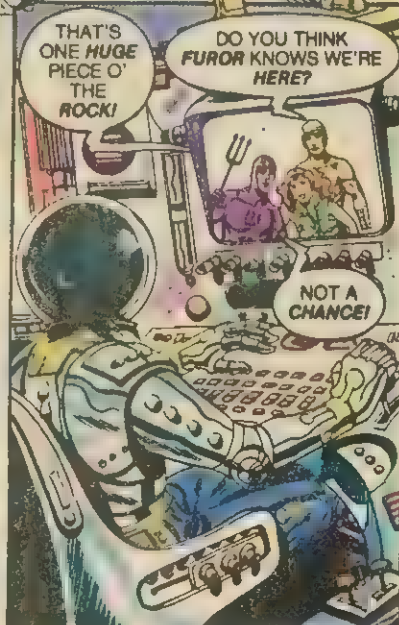
...AND INSTANTLY FIND  
THEMSELVES ON THE  
CRAGGY HEIGHTS OF  
MT. ST. HELENS!

LOOK  
THERE! ON  
TOP OF OL'  
SMOKEY!



SOMEBODY'S  
CORKED UP MT.  
ST. WHAT'S-HER-  
FACE!

AND I'LL  
LAY ODDS IT  
WAS THAT STINKIN'  
SPACE INVADER  
...FUROR!



THAT'S  
ONE HUGE  
PIECE O'  
THE  
ROCK!

DO YOU THINK  
FUROR KNOWS WE'RE  
HERE?

NOT A  
CHANCE!

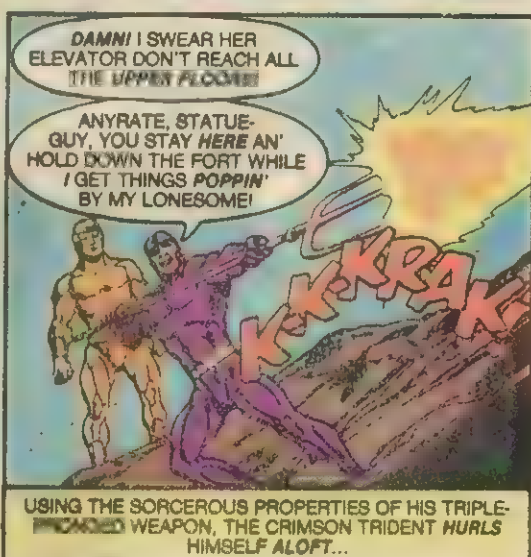


LISTEN CAREFUL, FOX!  
I'LL GO SEARCH FOR THE  
ALIEN! YOU AN' TALUS GO  
UNPLUG THE VOLCANO!  
COMPREND?

CHECK!  
TRIDENT-MAN FIX  
MOUNTAIN! FOXFIRE, SHE!  
SEARCH FOR...  
UHHM...!

FOOM!

NO!  
FOX! THAT  
WAY! AWWW  
HELL!

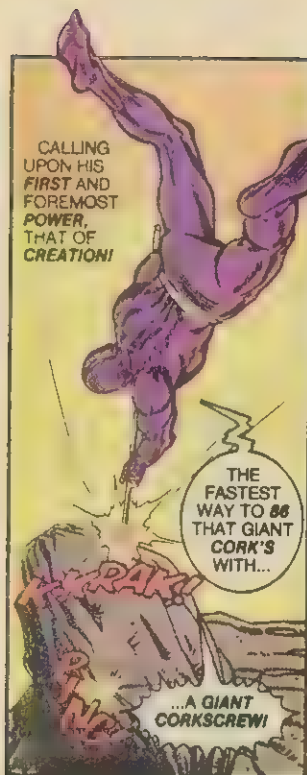


DAMN! I SWEAR HER  
ELEVATOR DON'T REACH ALL  
THE UPPER FLOORS!

ANYRATE, STATUE-  
GUY, YOU STAY HERE AN'  
HOLD DOWN THE FORT WHILE  
I GET THINGS POPPIN'  
BY MY LONESOME!

K-K-KRAKE

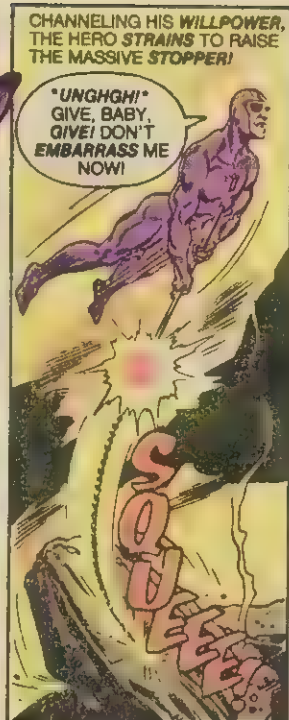
USING THE SORCEROUS PROPERTIES OF HIS TRIPLE-  
PRONGED WEAPON, THE CRIMSON TRIDENT HURLS  
HIMSELF ALOFT...



CALLING UPON HIS FIRST AND FOREMOST POWER, THAT OF CREATION!

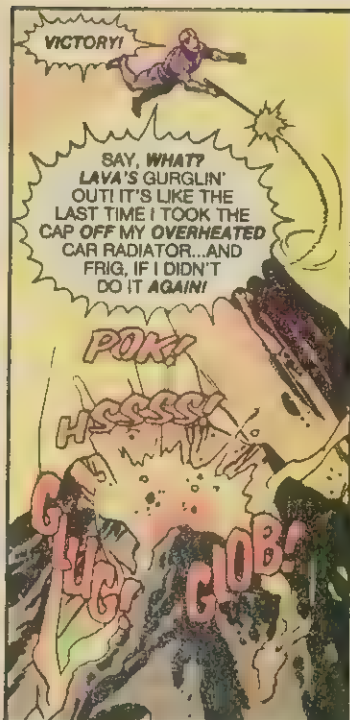
THE FASTEST WAY TO BE THAT GIANT CORK'S WITH...

...A GIANT CORKSCREW!



CHANNELING HIS WILLPOWER, THE HERO STRAINS TO RAISE THE MASSIVE STOPPER!

"UNGHGHI" GIVE, BABY, GIVE! DON'T EMBARRASS ME NOW!



VICTORY!

SAY, WHAT? LAVA'S GURGLIN' OUT! IT'S LIKE THE LAST TIME I TOOK THE CAP OFF MY OVERHEATED CAR RADIATOR...AND FRIG, IF I DIDN'T DO IT AGAIN!

POK!

HHEESS!

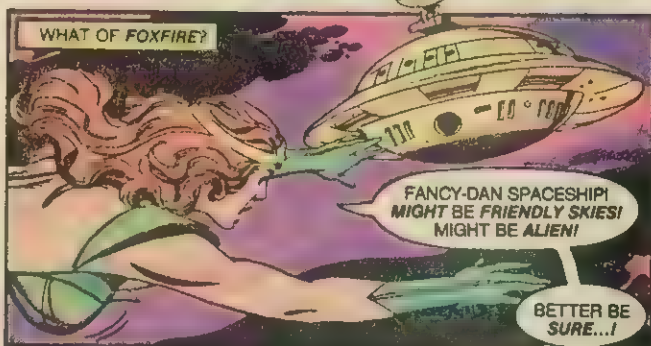
GURGL! GLOB!



"WORSE, THERE'S A WHOLE BUNCH'A SCIENTISTS WHO ONLY GOT 30 SECONDS 'FORE THEY GET TOASTED IN A WORLD-CLASS LAVA BATH!"

'AN' MY NEXT POWER DUE UP'S PRESERVATION...THE LAMEST ONE'A THE WHOLE LOT! WHAT'LL I DO...?"

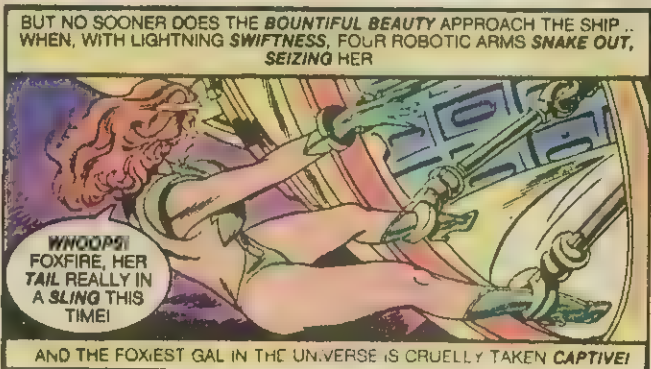
AND ON THAT CLIFF-HANGING NOTE...



WHAT OF FOXFIRE?

FANCY-DAN SPACESHIP! MIGHT BE FRIENDLY SKIES! MIGHT BE ALIEN!

BETTER BE SURE...!

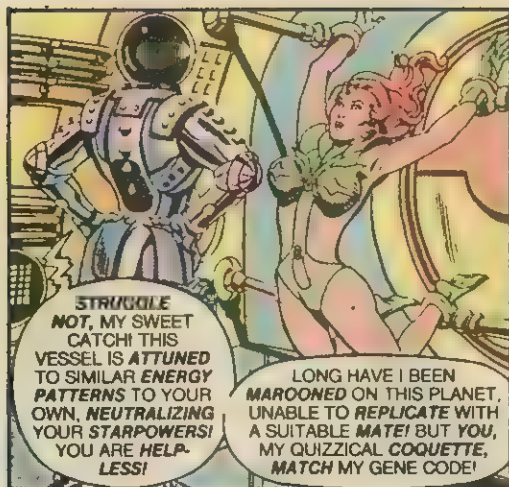


BUT NO SOONER DOES THE BOUNTIFUL BEAUTY APPROACH THE SHIP... WHEN, WITH LIGHTNING SWIFTNESS, FOUR ROBOTIC ARMS SNAKE OUT, SEIZING HER

WHOOPE! FOXFIRE, HER TAIL REALLY IN A SLING THIS TIME!

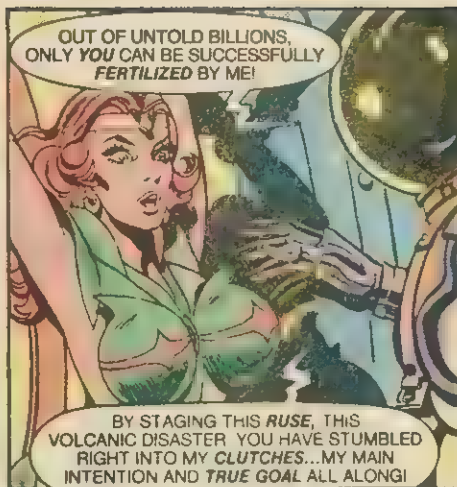
AND THE FOXIEST GAL IN THE UNIVERSE IS CRUELLY TAKEN CAPTIVE!





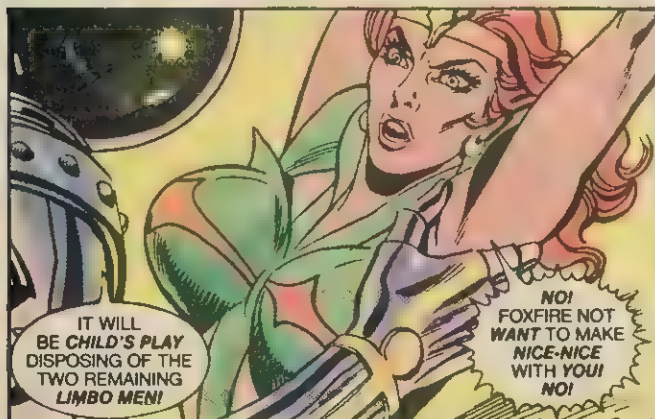
STRUGGLE  
NOT, MY SWEET  
CATCH! THIS  
VESSEL IS ATTUNED  
TO SIMILAR ENERGY  
PATTERNS TO YOUR  
OWN, NEUTRALIZING  
YOUR STARPOWERS!  
YOU ARE HELP-  
LESS!

LONG HAVE I BEEN  
MAROONED ON THIS PLANET,  
UNABLE TO REPLICATE WITH  
A SUITABLE MATE! BUT YOU,  
MY QUIZZICAL COQUETTE,  
MATCH MY GENE CODE!



OUT OF UNTOLD BILLIONS,  
ONLY YOU CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY  
FERTILIZED BY ME!

BY STAGING THIS RUSE, THIS  
VOLCANIC DISASTER YOU HAVE STUMBLED  
RIGHT INTO MY CLUTCHES...MY MAIN  
INTENTION AND TRUE GOAL ALL ALONG!



IT WILL  
BE CHILD'S PLAY  
DISPOSING OF THE  
TWO REMAINING  
LIMBO MEN!

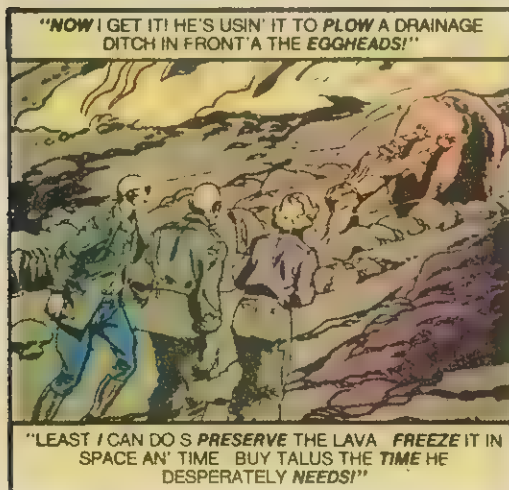
NO!  
FOXFIRE NOT  
WANT TO MAKE  
NICE-NICE  
WITH YOU!  
NO!

THE SENSUOUS SIREN TWISTS AND WRITHES IN VAIN...AS FUROR'S  
COLD GAUNTLETS HARSHLY CUP HER TAUT BUT TENDER CURVES!

CONCURRENTLY, THE FREE-  
SWINGING CRIMSON TRIDENT  
LOOKS ON IN WONDER AS TALUS  
SUDDENLY SWINGS INTO  
ACTION...!

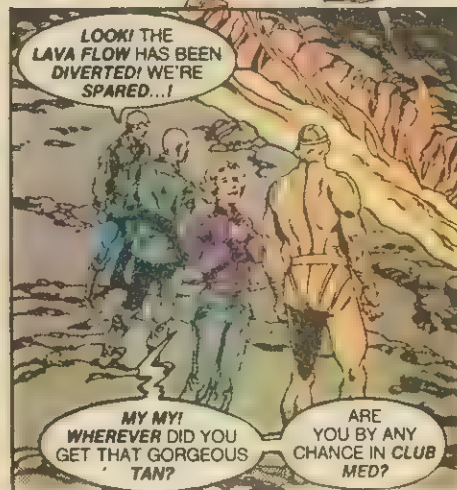


HUH?  
THE BIG  
GUY'S  
PICKIN'  
UP A  
BOULDER!  
BUT  
WHY?!



"NOW I GET IT! HE'S USIN' IT TO PLOW A DRAINAGE  
DITCH IN FRONT'A THE EGGHEADS!"

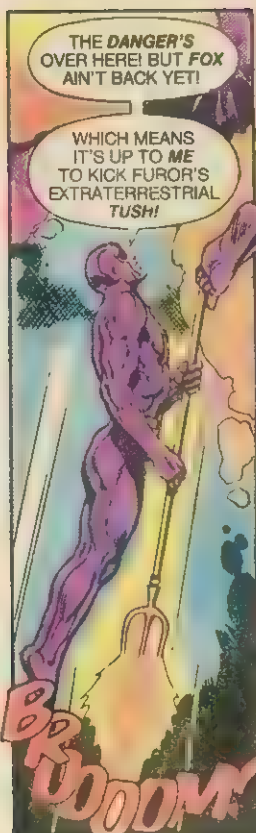
"LEAST I CAN DO S PRESERVE THE LAVA FREEZE IT IN  
SPACE AN' TIME BUY TALUS THE TIME HE  
DESPERATELY NEEDS!"



LOOK! THE  
LAVA FLOW HAS BEEN  
DIVERTED! WE'RE  
SPARED...!

MY MY!  
WHEREVER DID YOU  
GET THAT GORGEOUS  
TAN?

ARE  
YOU BY ANY  
CHANCE IN CLUB  
MED?

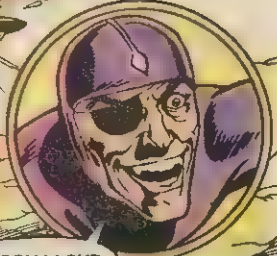


THE DANGER'S  
OVER HERE! BUT FOX  
AIN'T BACK YET!

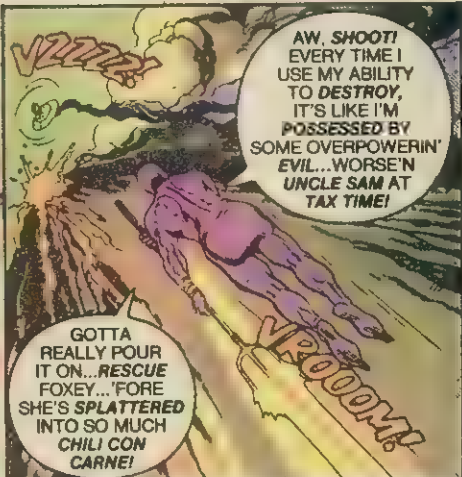
WHICH MEANS  
IT'S UP TO ME  
TO KICK FUROR'S  
EXTRATERRESTRIAL  
TUSH!



INTRODUCING  
MY DEADLIEST  
POWER OF ALL...  
DESTRUCTION!  
HAHAHAHA!



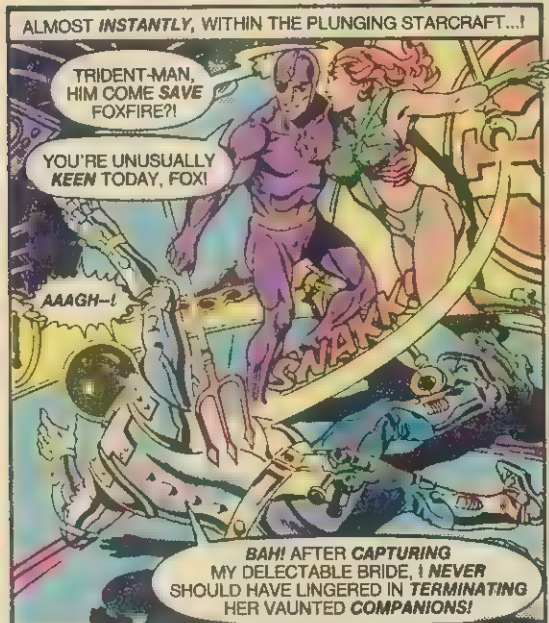
OOOH I LOVE  
IT! I LOVE IT!



AW, SHOOT!  
EVERY TIME I  
USE MY ABILITY  
TO DESTROY,  
IT'S LIKE I'M  
POSSESSED BY  
SOME OVERPOWERIN'  
EVIL... WORSEN  
UNCLE SAM AT  
TAX TIME!

GOTTA  
REALLY POUR  
IT ON... RESCUE  
FOX... 'FORE  
SHE'S SPLATTERED  
INTO SO MUCH  
CHILI CON  
CARNE!

WHA-?  
WHAT HAP-  
PENED?



ALMOST INSTANTLY, WITHIN THE PLUNGING STARCRAFT...!

TRIDENT-MAN,  
HIM COME SAVE  
FOX-FIRE?!

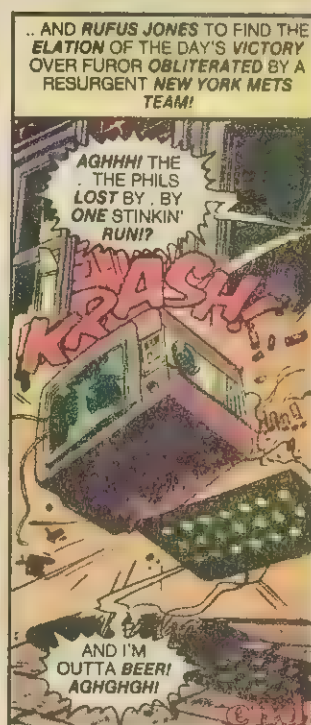
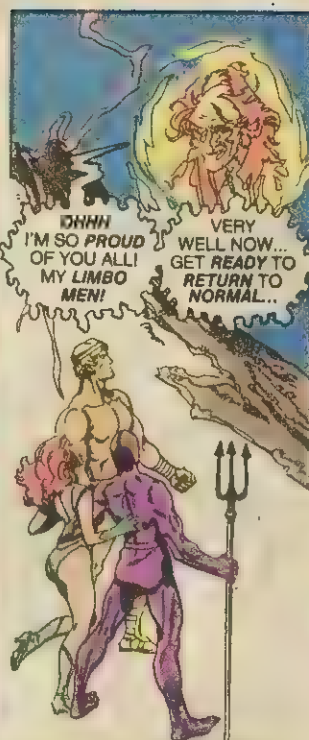
YOU'RE UNUSUALLY  
KEEN TODAY, FOX!



WAIT, YOU CRIMSON-  
PAJAMAED CYCLOPS! WHAT OF ME?  
SURELY, YOU WON'T ABANDON ME  
TO FACE CERTAIN DEATH!

BAH! AFTER CAPTURING  
MY DELECTABLE BRIDE, I NEVER  
SHOULD HAVE LINGERED IN TERMINATING  
HER VAUNTED COMPANIONS!





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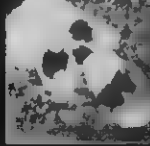
A terrifying tale of a murderous sorcerer...made all the more magical by Edgar Allan Poe's ghastly! Sound, color, super 8. #2208/\$19.95

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Boris Karloff, Vincent Price & Peter Lorre star in this funny, frightening spoof of Edgar Allan Poe's ghastly! Sound, color, super 8. #2208/\$25.95

## THE SCREAMING SKULL

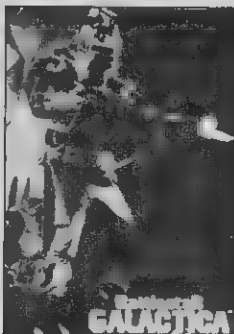


The skull won't be the only thing screaming by the time this ends...you'll scream your own off! Sound, B&W, Super 8. #2282/\$25.95

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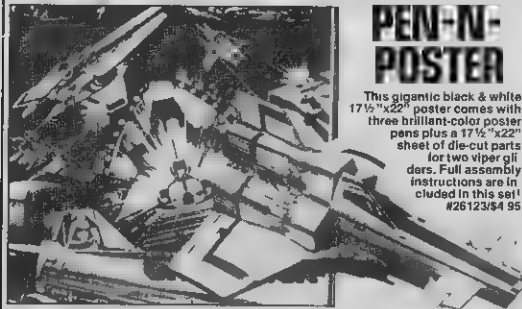


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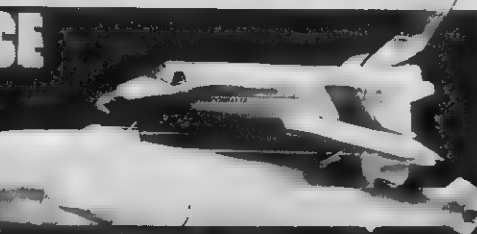
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IT IS AN **UNLIKELY** LOCATION FOR AN **EXPERIMENTAL** LABORATORY. THE LAST PLACE ON EARTH TO EXPECT A MAJOR SCIENTIFIC **BREAKTHROUGH!** BUT HERE IN THE **ADIRONDACKS** IN UPSTATE NEW YORK, PROFESSORS **JASON FLAGG** AND **ELLERY PUTZ** ARE CLOSING IN ON AN AWESOME SECRET, ONE THAT WILL HAVE **TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES** FOR THEM, AND FOR...**GLYTHIS!**

ARE YOU **SURE** YOU'VE GOT THE **RIGHT PLACE**, PROFESSOR **KALIAN**? THIS LOOKS MORE LIKE A **MOONSHINER'S SHACK** THAN A LAB!

**APPEARANCES** CAN BE **DECEIVING**, AS YOUR INTELLIGENT **DEMEANOR** CERTAINLY **PROVES!**

NOW **REMEMBER...** IN AND OUT, **NO FUSS!** VIOLENCE...ONLY IF IT IS **NECESSARY!**

# GLYTHIS

MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE MOUNTAIN LODGE IN QUESTION...

PUTZ, WE'LL HAVE TO RUN THE SEQUENCE TONIGHT!

TONIGHT, JASON? WHY **RUSH?** WE'VE MADE SUCH GREAT **PROGRESS** LATELY. WE'RE WELL AHEAD OF THE **GOVERNMENT-FUNDED LABS!**

ALL THE MORE REASON TO **HURRY!** WHEN THE **GOVERNMENT LABS** SENSE THEY'RE **LOSING**, THEY CAN GET **MEAN!**



IT'S AWFULLY GOOD OF YOU TO STAY OUT HERE WITH ME FOR THE FINAL PHASE, PUTZ! I KNOW HOW YOU HATE THE GREAT OUT-DOORS!

NEITHER BEARS NOR MOSQUITOES SHALL DETER ME, JASON! I KNOW HOW BADLY YOU WANT TO SUCCEED, PUBLISH, PATENT AND BEAT THAT HORRID PROFESSOR KALIAN TO THE PUNCH.!

YOU BET I WANT TO BEAT THAT GLORYHOUND! AND REALIZE...WE'RE AHEAD OF HIM EVEN THOUGH WE LOST A FULL YEAR...

...LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION FOR THE LAB!



YES, AND I MUST SAY THAT, AT FIRST, I WAS HIGHLY SKEPTICAL!



BZZZZ

BUT THE TESTS HAVE VERIFIED YOUR GEO-LOCATION THEORY, EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NO SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR IT!



IN AN EXPERIMENT SUCH AS THIS, THE SCIENTIFIC MUST GO HAND IN HAND WITH THE MYSTIC! WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO TEAR THE TISSUE OF SPACE WHILE CONTAINING THE ENERGY OF NUCLEAR FISSION...

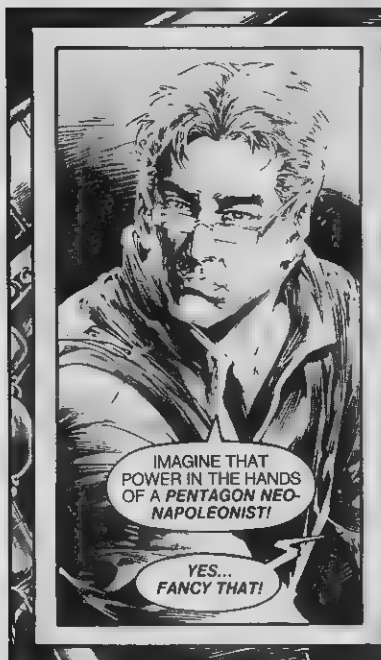
...TO BREAK THROUGH TO ANOTHER DIMENSION OF TIME AND SPACE WITHOUT A CATASTROPHE!

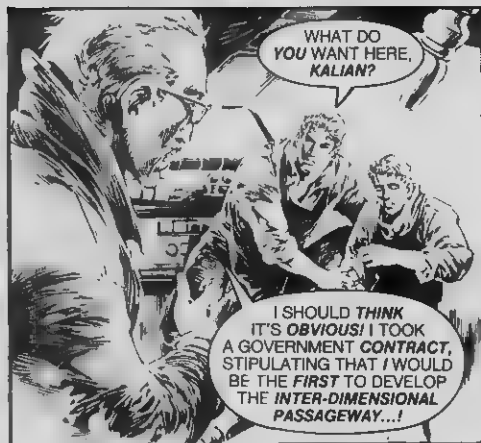


IT IS NO ACCIDENT THAT STONEHENGE IS LOCATED WHERE IT IS, OR THE MONUMENTS ON EASTER ISLAND! THERE ARE PLACES ON EARTH MORE SENSITIVE TO THE DIMENSIONAL PASSAGE THAN OTHERS...

THIS MOUNTAIN TOP IS ONE SUCH PLACE! WOULDN'T KALIAN JUST LOVE TO FIND SUCH A DIMENSIONALLY SENSITIVE SPOT?!







FLAGG LUNGES TO REOPEN THE POWER DRAIN, BUT IT IS TOO LATE! THE UNSIPHONED VIBRO-DRIVE POURS LIKE A WHITE-HOT FLOOD INTO THE SPACIAL RIP NODES! THE AIR BEGINS TO SHIMMER!



THERE IS AN ANGRY FLASH AND A SHUDDERING EXPLOSION THAT SLAPS EVERYONE AGAINST THE LABORATORY WALLS...EVERYONE EXCEPT FLAGG!



SUDDENLY, A VISION OF HELL BILLOWS IN THE NODE AREA! AT FIRST, PUTZ THINKS IT IS AN HALLUCINATION INDUCED BY HIS KNOCK ON THE HEAD...BUT HIS SCIENTIST'S MIND QUICKLY TELLS HIM THAT IT IS NOT ILLUSORY!



IT IS THERE, AND NOT THERE...AS REAL AS HE AND YET CULLED FROM A NIGHTMARE! IT IS AS IF THE TISSUE OF SPACE ITSELF IS A FILM WHICH HAS BEEN DOUBLE-EXPOSED! PUTZ GAPES...HE DRINKS THE IMAGE IN...



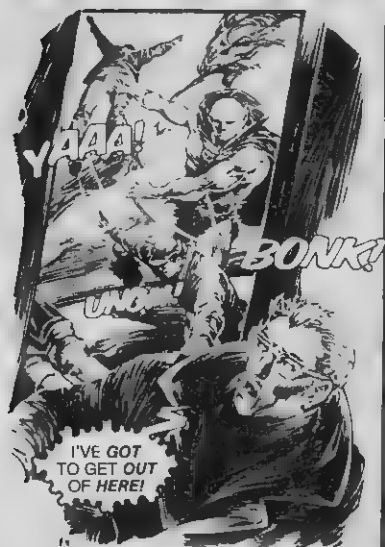
P-PROFESSOR  
FLAGG A ARE YOU  
TH-THERE ...?

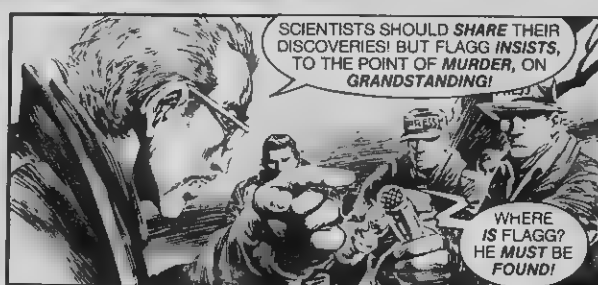
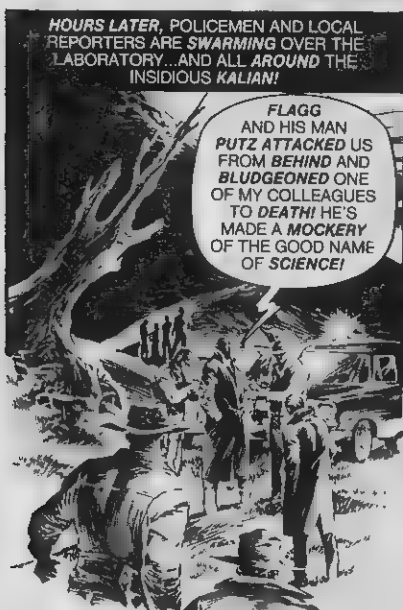
...UNTIL THERE IS A  
SPIN OF WIND AND  
SPACE WHICH  
SCOOPS UP FLAGG,  
AND A RENDING  
SOUND LIKE A  
DYING BRONX  
CHEER! THE IMAGE  
FADES! THROUGH  
THE SALLLOWING  
SMOKE, PUTZ  
CATCHES A  
SHADOW OF  
MOVEMENT!



PUTZ SEES THE GIANT RISING WITH SATANIC MAJESTY FROM THE SMOKE AND TWISTED METAL. ITS EYES FIXING THE ROOM, AND EACH OF THEM, WITH A LANCE-LIKE GAZE! PUTZ SEES THE GIANT STANDING WHERE FLAGG HAD BEEN MOMENTS BEFORE...BUT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE

IT MOVES WITH CHEETAH-SPEED WHICH BELIES ITS SIZE, AND BOASTS GOLIATH-STRENGTH! IT WIELDS A BLACKLIT STAFF, THE POWER FROM WHICH EASILY MOWS DOWN KALIAN'S HENCHMEN!







...PROFESSOR JASON FLAGG AWAKENS INTO A LIVING, NIGHTMARISH REALM  
FROM WHICH THERE IS NO ESCAPE!

WHERE BE  
GLYTHIS?

THERE HE BE!  
HE SOUGHT TO FRIGHTEN  
US AWAY BY MAKING AN  
EXPLOSION AND TURNING  
HIMSELF INTO AN UGLY  
MUTANT...!

I TOLD  
YOU HE WAS  
EVIL!

WE CAME HERE  
TO BURN GLYTHIS FOR  
THE CRIME OF CONSORTING  
WITH DEMONS AND SORCERY!  
HIS NEW FORM CHANGES  
NOTHING! LET US  
BURN HIM!

BURN HIM!

NO! WAIT! I'M NOT THIS GLYTHIS YOU  
REFER TO! MY NAME IS FLAGG! I'M A  
SCIENTIST! I JUST SUCCEEDED—!

TAKE  
HIM  
AWAY!

MARK THIS AS  
THE END OF THE  
AGE OF SORCERERS!  
AN END TO THEIR  
WARS, TO THE ANGER  
OF THE GODS THEY  
INVITE...!

LET THE  
NEW AGE BEGIN  
WITH THE DEATH  
OF THE EVIL  
GLYTHIS!

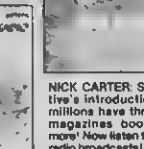
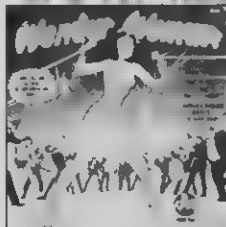
MY GOD!  
IT WORKED! MY  
EXPERIMENT WAS  
A SUCCESS! I'VE  
BROKEN THROUGH  
TO A PARALLEL  
DIMENSION!

THIS IS  
THE PROUDEST  
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LIFE AND MY  
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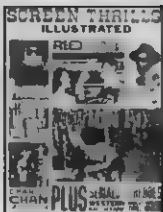
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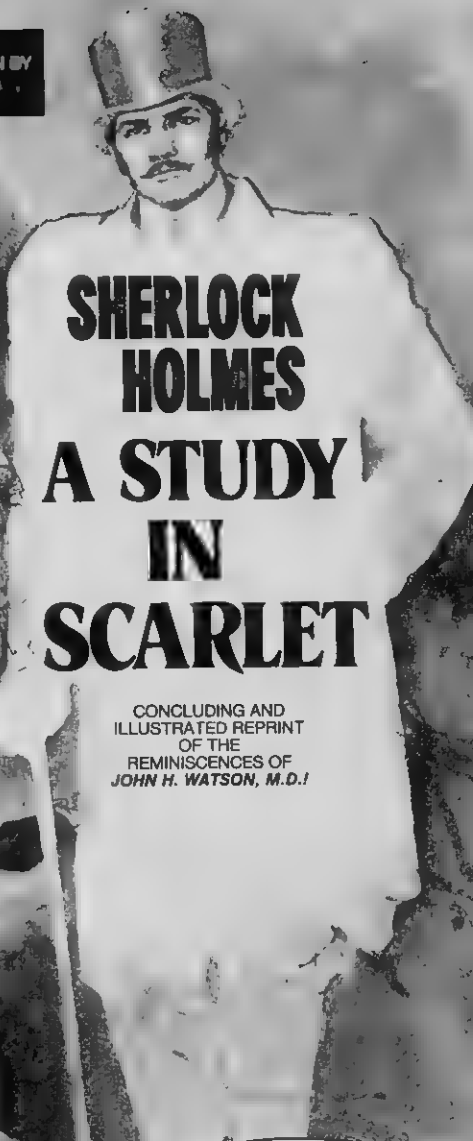


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NO SOONER HAD I TAKEN UP LODGINGS ON **BAKER STREET** WITH **SHERLOCK HOLMES**, A CONSULTING DETECTIVE OFTEN CALLED UPON BY **SCOTLAND YARD**, WHEN WE WERE SUMMONED TO INVESTIGATE A **BAFFLING CASE AT LAURISTON GARDENS!**


A **MR. ENOCH J. DREBBER**, RECENTLY OF **CLEVELAND**, WAS FOUND DEAD IN AN UNOCCUPIED HOUSE! THE WORD **RACHE**, GERMAN FOR **REVENGE**, WAS SCRAWLED IN **BLOOD** UPON ONE WALL, AND WHEN THE **BODY WAS FIRST MOVED**, A **WOMAN'S GOLD WEDDING BAND** WAS DISCOVERED!



# SHERLOCK HOLMES

## A STUDY IN SCARLET

CONCLUDING AND  
ILLUSTRATED REPRINT  
OF THE  
REMINISCENCES OF  
**JOHN H. WATSON, M.D.!**



UPON CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF THESE AND OTHER OF THE VERY SLIGHTEST CLUES, MY FRIEND HOLMES CONCLUDED THE FOLLOWING, THOUGH HOW HE WAS ABLE TO ASCERTAIN THE FACTS WAS BEYOND MY COMPREHENSION!

THERE HAS BEEN **MURDER** DONE, AND THE MURDERER WAS A **MAN!** HE WAS SOME **SIX FEET** IN **HEIGHT** AND WORE **COARSE, SQUARE-TOED BOOTS!**

HE CAME HERE WITH HIS **VICTIM** IN A **FOUR-WHEELED CAB!** IN ALL PROBABILITY, THE MURDERER HAD A **FLORID FACE!** AND **FINALLY**, HE MURDERED HIS VICTIM WITH **POISON!**



Adaptation by **RICH MARGOPOLLOS**/Illustrator: **NOLY PANALIGAN**

SHORTLY THEREAFTER, **JOSEPH STRANGERSON**, DREBBER'S PERSONAL SECRETARY, WAS FOUND **SLAIN** IN HIS HOTEL ROOM! A SMALL BOX CONTAINING TWO PILLS WAS RECOVERED!

HOLMES, DEMONSTRATING ON THE LANDLADY'S SICKLY PET **DOG**, PROVED THAT **ONE PILL** WAS QUITE **HARMLESS!**

INEXPLICABLY, HOLMES THEN SENT A **STREET URCHIN** TO SUMMON A PARTICULAR **CABMAN** FOR HIM. WHILE INSPECTORS **LESTRADE** AND **GREGSON** FROM **SCOTLAND YARD** DEMANDDED TO KNOW IF HE HAD, AS YET, **SOLVED THE CASE!**

WHEN THE CABMAN IN QUESTION FINALLY **ARRIVED** TO HELP HOLMES WITH HIS VALISE, MY FRIEND CLAPPED A SET OF **HANDCUFFS** ON THE MAN'S WRISTS!

HEARING THAT, THE SUPPOSED KILLER WENT INTO A **WILD RAGE**, TRIED TO **ESCAPE**, AND WAS FORCIBLY **SUBDUED!**

IT WAS NECESSARY TO **BIND** THE CABMAN'S FEET WITH A **TABLECLOTH!** ONLY **THEN** DID WE FEEL THE LEAST BIT **SECURE!**

NOW, GENTLEMEN, WE HAVE REACHED THE **END** OF OUR MYSTERY! IT IS A SINGULAR TALE OF **REVENGE**... SPANNING **TWENTY YEARS** AND **TWO CONTINENTS!**

GENTLEMEN, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO **MR. JEFFERSON HOPE** ... **MURDERER OF ENOCH DREBBER** AND **JOSEPH STRANGERSON!**

THUS WERE THE MYRIAD EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE ARREST OF **JEFFERSON HOPE!** I HEREIN CONTINUE WITH MY NARRATION OF THIS **GRISLY** AND OFTEN **BAFFLING CASE!**



OUR PRISONER'S FURIOUS **RESISTANCE** DID NOT APPARENTLY **INDICATE ANY FEROCITY** IN HIS DISPOSITION TOWARDS **OURSELVES**, FOR ON FINDING HIMSELF **POWERLESS**, HE SMILED MEEKLY AND EXPRESSED HOPE HE HAD NOT **HURT** ANY OF US IN **THE SCUFFLE**

I GUESS YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE ME TO THE **POLICE STATION!** DO LOOSEN MY LEGS. I'D RATHER WALK THAN BE CARRIED!



GREGSON AND LESTRADE THOUGHT THE PROPOSITION A **BOLD ONE!** BUT **HOLMES** TOOK THE CLOTH AT HIS WORD, AND **FREED** THE CLOTH THAT **BOUND** HIS ANKLES!

WE DESCENDED **TOGETHER!** JEFFERSON HOPE MADE NO **ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE**, BUT **STEPPED CALMLY** INTO THE CAB THAT HAD BEEN **HIS!**

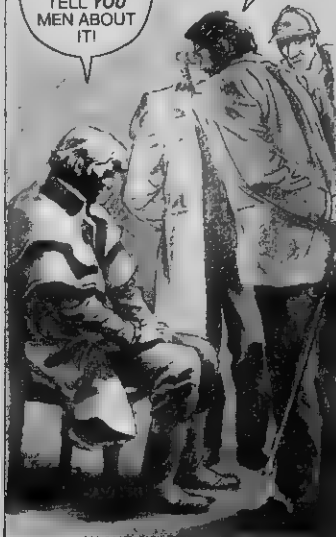


LESTRADE **MOUNTED** THE BOX, **WHIPPED** THE HORSES, AND **BROUGHT** US IN A VERY SHORT TIME TO OUR **DESTINATION!**

AT THE **STATION**, WE WERE USHERED INTO A SMALL CHAMBER! JEFFERSON HOPE WISHED TO **CONFESS** ALL ALMOST IMMEDIATELY!

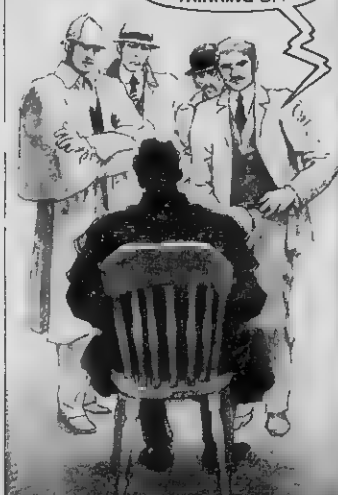
I'VE GOT A **GOOD DEAL** TO SAY! I WANT TO TELL **YOU** MEN ABOUT IT!

HADN'T YOU BETTER **RESERVE** THAT FOR YOUR **TRIAL?**



I MAY **NEVER** BE **TRIED!**

YOU NEEDN'T LOOK SO **STARTLED!** IT ISN'T **SUICIDE** I'M **THINKING** OF!

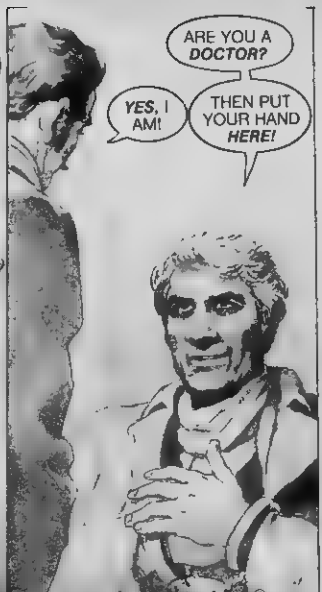


HOPE TURNED HIS FIERCE DARK EYES UPON ME AND CALMLY ASKED A QUESTION!

ARE YOU A **DOCTOR?**

YES, I AM!

THEN PUT YOUR HAND **HERE!**

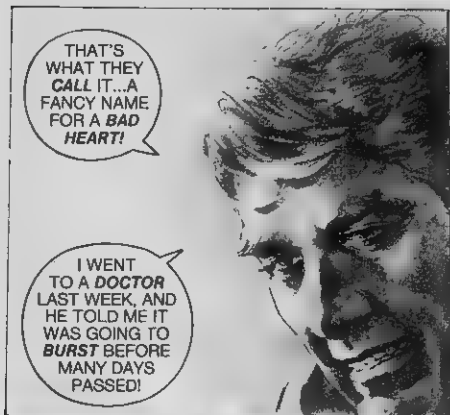


HOPE **GRINNED** AND MOTIONED AT HIS **CHEST** WITH HIS MANACLED WRISTS!

I DID SO, AND BECAME CONSCIOUS OF AN EXTRAORDINARY **THROBBING!** THE WALLS OF HIS CHEST SEEMED TO THRILL AND **QUIVER** AS A FRAIL BUILDING WOULD DO WHEN SOME POWERFUL ENGINE WAS AT WORK!

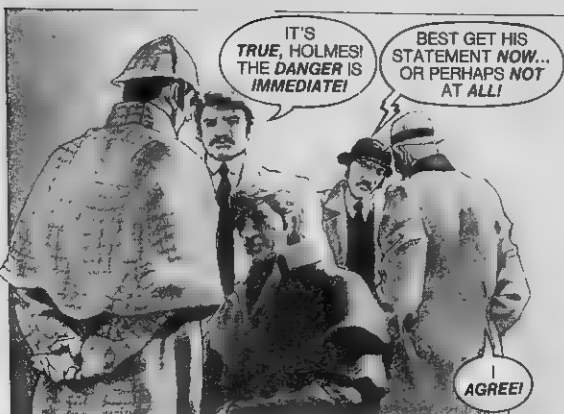


WHY, YOU HAVE AN **AORTIC ANEURISM!**



THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL IT...A FANCY NAME FOR A BAD HEART!

I WENT TO A DOCTOR LAST WEEK, AND HE TOLD ME IT WAS GOING TO BURST BEFORE MANY DAYS PASSED!



IT'S TRUE, HOLMES! THE DANGER IS IMMEDIATE!

BEST GET HIS STATEMENT NOW... OR PERHAPS NOT AT ALL!

AGREE!



GIVE US THE STORY TO THE BEST OF YOUR RECOLLECTION, MR. HOPE! WE'LL LISTEN!

WHILE ONCE PASSING THROUGH SALT LAKE CITY ON MY WAY TO MINE SILVER IN THE NEVADA MOUNTAINS SOME TWENTY YEARS BACK, I MET A GIRL, THE FLOWER OF UTAH!

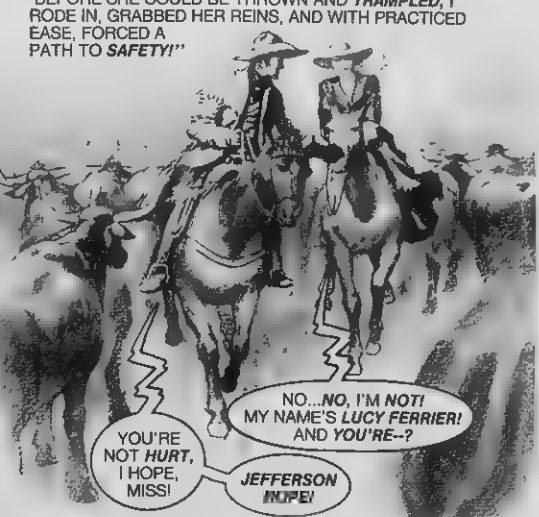
"IN HER IMPATIENCE, SHE HAD PUSHED HER HORSE INTO A DROVE OF CATTLE THAT BLOCKED HER ROAD INTO TOWN! SCARCELY HAD SHE GOTTEN INTO IT, WHEN THE LONG-HORN BULLOCKS CLOSED IN ON HER FROM ALL SIDES!"



"HER MUSTANG WAS EXCITED TO MADNESS BY THE PRODDING HORNS! IT BUCKED AND REARED, THREATENING TO UNHORSE HER!"



"BEFORE SHE COULD BE THROWN AND TRAMPLED, I RODE IN, GRABBED HER REINS, AND WITH PRACTICED EASE, FORCED A PATH TO SAFETY!"



YOU'RE NOT HURT, I HOPE, MISS!

NO...NO, I'M NOT! MY NAME'S LUCY FERRIER! AND YOU'RE--?

JEFFERSON HOPE!

"WE FELL QUICKLY IN LOVE, WITH THE FULL APPROVAL OF HER FATHER! BUT HER MORMON FAITH WOULDN'T ALLOW HER TO MARRY OUTSIDERS!"

"TOGETHER, LUCY, HER FATHER AND MYSELF CONSPIRED TO FLEE THE UTAH TERRITORY! ONLY THEN WOULD WE BE SAFE SO I COULD WED MY BELOVED!"

"BY LUCK WE STUMBLED ON THE CODE WORDS TO GET US PAST THE ARMED GUARDS ON THE ROAD! WE THOUGHT WE WERE IN THE CLEAR ONCE WE REACHED THE MOUNTAINS!"

"BUT WHEN I RETURNED AFTER HUNTING ONE NIGHT, I FOUND THAT HER FATHER HAD BEEN KILLED, AND LUCY HAD BEEN TAKEN BACK TO THE CITY BY MORMON ELDERS!"

"I LATER FOUND OUT FROM A FRIEND THAT DREBBER AND STRANGERSON, BOTH SONS OF THE ELDERS, WANTED TO ADD LUCY TO THEIR HAREM OF WIVES! MORMON LAW ALLOWED MEN TO KEEP MANY WOMEN!"

"SHE WAS TOLD SHE HAD TO PICK BETWEEN THE TWO MEN... OR ELSE DIE FOR BETRAYING HER HOLY CAUSE!"

"SHE CHOSE DREBBER, BUT SOON DIED OF A BROKEN HEART! I HAD JUST SNUCK BACK INTO THE CITY TO RESCUE HER WHEN THAT SAME FRIEND I JUST MENTIONED TOLD ME THE TERRIBLE NEWS!"

"I WENT TO THE FUNERAL HOME WHERE LUCY'S BODY WAS ON DISPLAY, AND REMOVED THE WEDDING BAND FROM HER RIGID FINGER. WHILE DREBBER'S OTHER WIVES WATCHED HELPLESSLY!"

"BEFORE FLEEING, I VOWED DREBBER AND STRANGERSON WOULD DIE AT MY HAND IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE!"

"EVEN IN SALT LAKE CITY, THE TWO COULD NOT **HIDE** FROM ME! DREBBER'S HOUSE WAS ONCE MYSTERIOUSLY RIDDLED WITH BULLETS..."



"... AND **STRANGERSON** WAS ALMOST CRUSHED IN A ROCKSLIDE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN!"

"THEY BOTH **KNEW** OF MY GRIEF OVER **LUCY**! THEY BOTH **KNEW** THAT I WAS STILL **ALIVE**! FAILING TO **TRACK** ME **DOWN**, THEY DID THE **ONLY** SMART THING THEY **COULD**!"



"THEY **FLED** FROM ME! OVER THE YEARS THEY MOVED TO **MANY** CITIES, UNTIL I FINALLY CAUGHT UP TO THEM IN **CLEVELAND**! AFRAID I WAS **ON** TO THEM, WHICH I **WAS**, THEY SAILED FROM NEW YORK TO **LONDON**, ASSUMING **THAT** WOULD THROW ME **OFF** THEIR **SCENT**!"

"I **WORKED**, SAVED UP SOME **MONEY**, AND **PURSUED** THEM! **DRIVING** AND **RIDING** ARE NATURAL TO ME, SO I APPLIED AT A CAB-OWNER'S OFFICE, AND SOON GOT **EMPLOYMENT**!"

"I **INQUIRED** AFTER DREBBER AND **STRANGERSON** **WHEREVER** I WENT! **AT** **LAST**, I **FOUND** THEM **BOARDING** AT **HALLIDAY'S PRIVATE HOTEL**!"

"THEY WERE **AT** MY **MERCY**! I **FOLLOWED** THEM UNTIL I **KNEW** THEIR **HABITS** WELL! DREBBER HAD A TENDENCY TO **DRINK** TOO MUCH! ON A **WILD**, **STORMY** NIGHT, I **WAITED** OUTSIDE A TAVERN HE **OFTEN** **ATTENDED**!"



"I **DID NOT** TAKE HIM TO THE ADDRESS HE GAVE! **INSTEAD**, I TOOK HIM TO A **VACANT** HOUSE ON **LAURISTON GARDENS**! A MAN WHO HAD RECENTLY MOVED OUT HAD DROPPED THE **KEY** IN MY CAB!"

"I **LATER** **RETURNED** THE **KEY** TO ITS **OWNER**, BUT NOT BEFORE MAKING A **DUPLICATE**! IT WAS **HERE** I **DECIDED** TO **CONFRONT** DREBBER AFTER ALL THESE **MANY** YEARS!"

"MY **PATIENCE** WAS **REWARDED**! HE **SHORTLY** **EMERGED**...AND WAS **VERY**, **VERY** **DRUNK**!"



"I SUPPOSE HE THOUGHT HE HAD COME TO THE HOTEL HE HAD MENTIONED. FOR HE GOT OUT AND FOLLOWED ME TO THE DOOR! I OPENED IT AND USHERED HIM INSIDE!"

WHA--?  
IT'S  
INFERNALLY  
DARK IN  
HERE!

WE LL  
SOON HAVE  
A LIGHT, SIR!  
THERE!

NOW,  
ENOCH DREB-  
BER

WHO  
AM I?

"HE GAZED AT ME WITH BLEARED, DRUNKEN EYES FOR A MOMENT  
...AND THEN I SAW A MONOR SPRING UP IN THEM, AND CONVULSE  
HIS WHOLE FEATURES... WHICH SHOWED ME THAT HE KNEW ME!"

HA-HA-HA-HA!

DEAR GOD!  
HOPE! JEFFERSON  
HOPE...!

"HE STAGGERED BACK WITH A LIRD FACE, AND I SAW  
PERSPIRATION BREAK OUT ON HIS BROW!"

"AT THE SIGHT OF HIS TERROR, I LEANED MY BACK  
AGAINST THE DOOR, AND LAUGHED LOUD AND LONG!"

"I HAD ALWAYS KNOWN THAT VENGEANCE WOULD BE SWEET, BUT I NEVER HOPED FOR THE CONTENTMENT OF SOUL WHICH NOW POSSESSED ME!"

WOULD YOU M-MURDER ME?

MURDER? THERE IS NO MURDER! WHO TALKS OF MURDERING A MAD DOG?

WHAT MERCY DID YOU HAVE ON MY POOR DARLING WHEN YOU DRAGGED HER FROM HER SLAUGHTERED FATHER...AND ADDED HER TO YOUR SHAMELESS COLLECTION OF MORMON WIVES?

IT . IT WASN'T I WHO KILLED HER FATHER!

NO, BUT IT WAS YOU WHO BROKE LUCY'S INNOCENT HEART!

HERE ARE TWO PILLS! ONE IS A DEADLY POISON I STOLE FROM A LABORATORY WHERE I ONCE WORKED AS A JANITOR WHILE STALKING YOU!

CHOOSE AND EAT! THERE IS DEATH IN ONE AND LIFE IN THE OTHER! LET GOD ON HIGH JUDGE BETWEEN US!

DON'T BE A FOOL, DREBBER! THE PILL HAS BARELY ENTERED YOUR SYSTEM!

Y-YOU'VE KILLED ME! MY GOD... N-NO!

"I BELIEVE I WOULD HAVE HAD A FIT OF SOME SORT WHILE WE WAITED FOR DEATH TO CLAIM ONE OF US HAD THE BLOOD NOT GUSHED FROM MY NOSE AND RELIEVED ME!"

"DREBBER ATE ONE PILL AND I SWALLOWED THE REMAINDER!"

I SHALL TAKE WHAT YOU LEAVE! LET US SEE IF THERE IS JUSTICE UPON EARTH...OR IF WE ARE RULED BY CHANCE!

"SHALL I EVER FORGET THE LOOK THAT CAME OVER HIS FACE WHEN THE FIRST WARNING PANGS TOLD HIM THE POISON WAS IN HIS SYSTEM?"

"I HELD OUT LUCY'S MARRIAGE RING IN FRONT OF HIS EYES AND LAUGHED. SOME MORE!"



"A MOMENT LATER, HE FELL HEAVILY TO THE FLOOR, DEAD!"



"I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS THAT PUT IT IN MY MIND TO WRITE ON THE WALL!"



"PERHAPS IT WAS SOME IDEA OF SETTING THE POLICE UPON THE WRONG TRACK!"

"WITH MY OWN BLOOD I WROTE RACHE, A FOREIGN WORD FOR REVENGE I HAD READ ABOUT IN A NEWSPAPER BACK IN THE STATES!"

"AFTER I LEFT, I REALIZED I HAD LOST LUCY'S GOLD BAND IN ALL THE CONFUSION BACK AT THE VACANT HOUSE!"

"WHEN I SPOTTED YOUR PHONEY AD NEXT MORNING, HOLMES, OFFERING TO RETURN THE RING...I TOOK NO CHANCES, AND HAD A FRIEND CLAIM IT FOR ME!"



"TO COMPLETE MY DESIRE FOR JUSTICE, I LATER USED A LADDER TO GAIN ENTRY INTO STRANGERSON'S HOTELROOM! I INTENDED TO OFFER HIM THE SAME CHOICE OF POISON OR LIFE..."



"... BUT HE ATTACKED ME FIRST, AND I WAS FORCED TO DEFEND MYSELF WITH MY KNIFE!"

"I WENT ON CABBING TO SAVE UP ENOUGH MONEY TO RETURN TO AMERICA...WHEN A RAGGED STREET YOUNGSTER ASKED FOR ME BY NAME, AND SAID I WAS WANTED AT 221B, BAKER STREET!"





THE REST YOU KNOW! I ARRIVED AT MR. HOLMES' ADDRESS WHERE HE MANACLED ME AND I WAS BROUGHT DIRECTLY HERE!

YOU MAY CONSIDER ME A MURDERER, BUT I HOLD I'M JUST AS MUCH AN OFFICER OF JUSTICE AS YOU ARE!



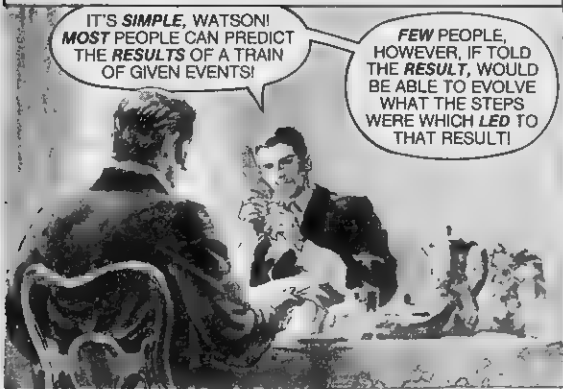
JEFFERSON HOPE WAS TAKEN TO A CELL BY A COUPLE OF WARDERS! BUT HE WOULD NOT LIVE TO STAND TRIAL!

ON THE NIGHT OF HIS CAPTURE THE ANEURISM BURST... AND HE WAS FOUND DEAD UPON THE FLOOR... WITH A PLACID SMILE ETCHED UPON HIS FACE!

THE NEXT DAY I DISCUSSED THE CASE OVER LUNCH WITH HOLMES! I WAS ADMITTEDLY **BAFFLED** AS TO HOW HE ARRIVED AT A SOLUTION!

IT'S **SIMPLE**, WATSON! MOST PEOPLE CAN PREDICT THE **RESULTS** OF A TRAIN OF GIVEN EVENTS!

**FEW** PEOPLE, HOWEVER, IF TOLD THE **RESULT**, WOULD BE ABLE TO EVOLVE WHAT THE STEPS WERE WHICH **LED** TO THAT RESULT!



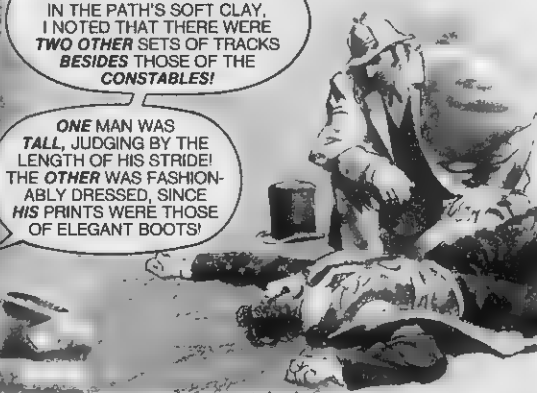
"NOW **THIS** WAS SUCH A CASE! TO BEGIN, I APPROACHED THE SCENE OF THE **CRIME**, IF CRIME THERE **WAS**, ON FOOT WITH MY MIND **FREE** FROM **IMPRESSIONS!**"

"I SAW CLEARLY THE **NARROW GAUGE MARKS** OF A **FOUR-WHEELED PUBLIC CAB** WHICH **MUST** HAVE BEEN THERE THE **NIGHT BEFORE!** THAT WAS THE **FIRST POINT GAINED!**"



LOOKING TO THE **FOOTPRINTS** IN THE PATH'S SOFT CLAY, I NOTED THAT THERE WERE **TWO OTHER SETS OF TRACKS** **BESIDES** THOSE OF THE **CONSTABLES!**

**ONE** MAN WAS **TALL**, JUDGING BY THE LENGTH OF HIS STRIDE! THE **OTHER** WAS **FASHIONABLY DRESSED**, SINCE HIS PRINTS WERE THOSE OF **ELEGANT BOOTS!**



"ON ENTERING THE HOUSE, THE **WELL-BOOTS** MAN WAS **BEFORE** ME! IF THERE HAD BEEN **MURDER** DONE, IT WAS THE **TALL ONE** WHO DID IT!"

"HAVING **SMIFFED** THE **CORPSE'S LIPS**, I DETECTED A **SOUR SMELL** AND CAME TO THE **CONCLUSION**, BY THE **FEARFUL** LOOK ON THE MAN'S **FACE**, THAT HE HAD HAD **POISON FORCED** UPON HIM!"



"AND NOW CAME THE GREAT QUESTION AS TO **WHY**: ROBBERY HAD **NOT** BEEN THE OBJECT OF THE MURDER, FOR **NOTHING** WAS **TAKEN**? WAS IT **POLITICS**, THEN... OR A **WOMAN**? THAT WAS THE RIDDLE WHICH CONFRONTED ME!"

"THE **INSCRIPTION** ON THE WALL INCLINED ONE TO CONCLUDE **POLITICS**, BUT THAT COULD BE A **BLIND**! WHEN THE **WEDDING BAND** WAS FOUND, IT **SETTLED** THE **QUESTION**!"

I DEDUCED THAT, SINCE THERE WAS NO SIGN OF A **STRUGGLE**, THE BLOOD MUST HAVE COME FROM THE **KILLER**! AND SINCE HE BLEED EASILY, HE WAS PROBABLY A **RUDDY-FACED MAN**! IT SEEMS I JUDGED **CORRECTLY**!

CONTENTS TAKEN FROM THE VICTIM'S PURSE IDENTIFIED HIS LAST AMERICAN RESIDENCE AS **CLEVELAND**! I TELEGRAPHED THE **CLEVELAND POLICE** FOR ANY INFORMATION THEY MIGHT HAVE ON **ENOCH DREBBER**!

WHILE IN THAT OHIO CITY, IT TURNED OUT, THE VICTIM HAD REQUESTED **PROTECTION** BY THE AUTHORITIES FROM **JEFFERSON HOPE**!

I THEREFORE SENT OUT A SMALL ARMY OF **STREET URCHINS** SCOURING LONDON IN SEARCH OF A CABMAN NAMED **JEFFERSON HOPE**. AND **SUMMONED** HIM TO OUR ADDRESS, WHERE HE WAS **ARRESTED**!

HOLMES! YOU POSITIVELY AMAZE ME!

STILL, YOUR MERITS SHOULD BE PUBLICLY **RECOGNIZED**! WOULD YOU MIND IF I **PUBLISHED** AN ACCOUNT OF THE EPISODE?

MY DEAR WATSON, YOU MAY DO WHAT YOU LIKE WITH OUR STUDY IN **SCARLET**!

ACTUALLY, THE CASE WAS MOST **ELEMENTARY**!

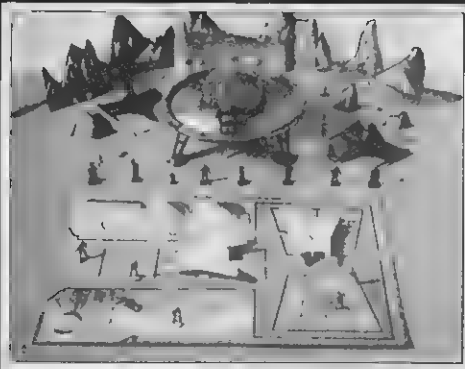
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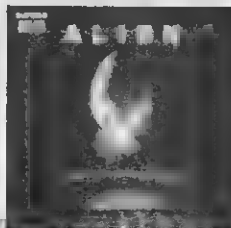
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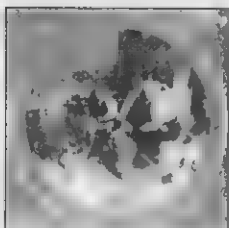
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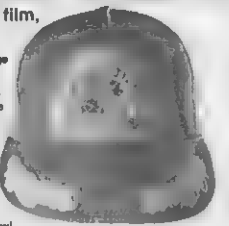


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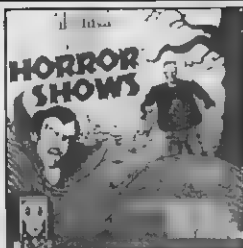


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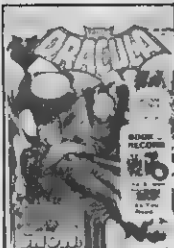


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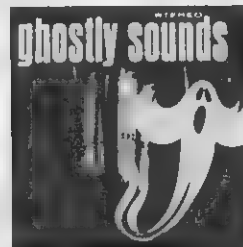
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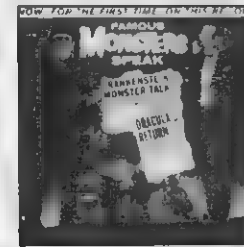
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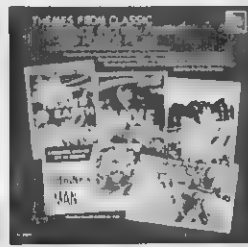
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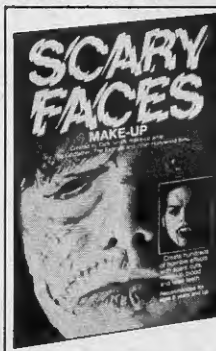
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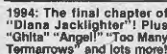
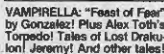
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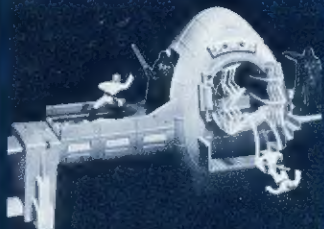
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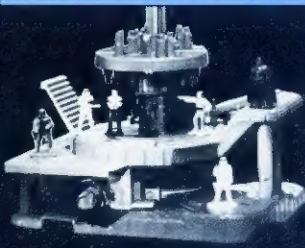
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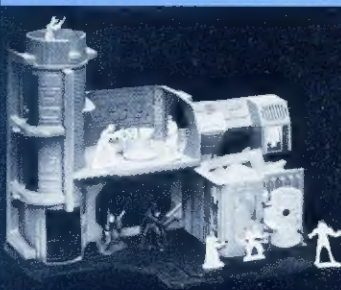
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